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A GENEALOGY OF THE RUNYON FAMILIES WHO SETTLED EARLY IN KENTUCKY, NORTH CAROLINA, VIRGINIA, AND WEST VIRGINIA

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DEDICATION

This book is affectionately dedicated to Adron Runyon and his wife, Jane Maynard, who entered into eternal bliss July 14, 1859, and May 30, 1883, respectively. They lie side by side, at rest beneath tall and stately beech trees on a slope of the mountain near where they lived, toiled, enjoyed life, and passed on to everlasting peace.

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INTRODUCTION

Most genealogists agree that the American Runyon–Run*yan* families are descendants of Vincent and Ann Martha (Boutcher) Rongnion. All references to them found in public records and early history confirm this belief. There exist traditional stories that the ancestors of some of the families came from Germany, and others claim that England was the place of family origin. No evidence exists that supports either of these claims, and no record has been found that indicates that any Runyon family came from any European country except France. There are many variations of the spelling of Vincent's surname. The spelling used by the authors is that which is found in his marriage license.

Almost three centuries have passed since Vincent Rongnion came to America and settled in New Jersey. His descendants are found throughout the United States, and many of them have scant or no information of their ancestor. No complete printed pedigree of this eminent French Huguenot, who sought refuge in America for a permanent home, exists; however much data is scattered through public documents, histories, and genealogical magazines, which should be gathered and published. The authors have compiled much valuable data of these Runyon families who came early to Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, and West Virginia, and of their descending families.

The Runyons who came from Eastern Virginia to what is now Pike County, Kentucky, may have come as early as 1795 on hunting or Indian scouting tours, but no permanent settlements were made by any of them before 1810. William Ely, *History of the Big Sandy Valley*, erred in his narration of the Runyons. It was John Runyon who came with his son, Adron, and their arrival was after 1810.

In New Jersey the early spelling of the surname Runyon was either Run*y*on or Run*ya*n; both spellings were pronounced the same, and apparently Run*y*on was the preferred spelling. Some of the Runyon families emigrated westward through Virginia *circa* 1770 or before. Those families who located in Virginia usually signed their names to marriage bonds and other public records as Run*y*on.

In Virginia the county court clerks and other officials who prepared public records usually spelled the name phonetically, such as Run*i*on or sometimes Run*ni*on. The early settlers as they went westward in Virginia soon lost contact with their ancestors in the eastern colonies. Their children had no opportunity to get an education, and they also spelled their names like they sounded. Some of the descendants of the Runyon families have accepted the Run*i*on–Run*ni*on spelling, and such spelling has been perpetuated to the present day.

Lt. Col Calvin I. Kephart, an authority on the Run*y*on–Run*ya*n families, has said that John and Thomas, sons of Vincent and Ann Martha (Boutcher) Rongnion moved early to west New Jersey and spelled their name Run*ya*n; while on the other hand Vincent and Peter, who lived and died near their parents' homestead, used the Run*y*on spelling. There are exceptions to this rule; some have changed to Run*ya*n from Run*y*on and vice versa.

After careful study of the Run*y*on–Run*ya*n spellings, the authors have concluded that since all are descendants from Vincent Rongnion, they should adopt the Run*y*on manner of spelling.

Henry Runyon and his wife, Hannah (Collins) Runyon, apparently were the first Runyon families to settle in that part of Floyd County, which later became a part of Pike County. Soon after their arrival in that wilderness of southeastern Kentucky, Henry's father, John, his wife, son Adron and two daughters settled on Pond Creek. Contemporaneous with the arrival of John and his family on Pond Creek, Adam Runyon and his family settled on Pigeon Creek, which was located in that part of Cabell County, Virginia,

which later became a part of Logan County. Pigeon Creek is not far from Pond Creek. Both families apparently had lived in North Carolina, and later in Tazewell County, Virginia. In later years, descendants of Adam Runyon settled in Pike and Martin counties, Kentucky. Their relationship to the descendants of John Runyon is not known; however, a record may be found to exist. Before 1830, James Runyon, who is thought to be a grandson of Isaac Runyon, a Revolutionary War soldier, and his family settled in Pike County and lived there for a few years, then he went elsewhere. James may have left one or more offspring in Pike County. One of them apparently went later to Pulaski County, Virginia.

Soon after 1861, David Runyon and his wife, Elizabeth, came to Pike County from Russell County, Virginia. David located on Tug River, down stream a short distance from the mouth of Pond Creek. After 1870, David and a part of his family emigrated to Morgan County, Missouri, where he died. David is thought to be a son of Isaac Runyon, Jr., and a grandson of Isaac, Sr.

The infiltration of collateral lines of the Runyon families into the southeastern portion of Kentucky has contributed much confusion in search work. In preparing this book careful study of the various families in each territory has been made, and their lines have been carefully chronicled as completely as known data would permit. Amos Runyon, coauthor of this book, has a vast knowledge of the descendants of Adron Runyon and allied families. It is through his efforts and active search work that this publication became possible. Clyde Runyon, Amos' son, has contributed much valuable data which he has found in old court records.

The marriage records are a source of valuable genealogical information; unfortunately some of the early marriages of Virginia are missing, and others give meager data. It is possible that many marriages performed under the bann procedure were never registered, or perhaps they may never have been certified by the ministers at the county clerk's office. The marriage records of Pike County are intact, well

preserved, and modernly indexed. The Pike County Clerk has obligingly assisted in locating records for us. The marriage records of Boyd County, Kentucky, are also maintained in good order. The marriages given here may not in every instance have the date of the wedding ceremony, but the date is the one when the license was issued. The correct wedding dates are given when known.

The U.S. Census records are extremely helpful in tracing the travels of the early settlers. Before 1850, only the head of the family was listed, and the ages are difficult to determine accurately. The 1850 and subsequent censuses list the names of the entire family and also their ages and places of birth.

The will records are the best source for correct genealogical data, but only a few of the early settlers are mentioned in the will books. Deed records, county court law order books, survey books, and tax rolls are public records which also reveal much important genealogical data. The material in this book is based on information secured from public records, family Bibles, cemetery readings, and every other reliable source.

Local histories are considered to be very good sources for genealogical information. However, all items referring to dates, names, etc., should be carefully examined and compared with documentary data. Some local historians are careless when narrating family genealogy and follow traditional stories without verifying them. Family traditions which have been repeated through several generations usually are exaggerated, and many times they are not based on facts.

Hundreds of letters have been sent to descendants, and many remain unanswered. Many public records have been examined; many cemeteries and burial grounds have been visited; hundreds of pages of local histories have been read; family Bibles have been examined in quest of data to fill the pages of this book. There may be evidence of discrepancies of dates and names, and errors may be discovered by

those who may have better and more accurate data. Those who may find incorrect matter are encouraged to report such to the authors with proper corrections.

The coat of arms which has been used by some of the Runyon families may or may not be correctly used. No proof has been found that Vincent Rongnion was a direct descendant of Henry Rongnion of Portiers, France, although Vincent did come from Portiers to America. The rules of heraldry adopted in England and other European countries require that only the direct male descendants of the original grantee have the right to the use of the coat of arms. Most of the early settlers in America were of yeomen class and had no coat of arms. To use a coat of arms because a person's name happens to be the same as the original grantee is unwarranted. The line of descent must be in an unbroken lineage.

Jonathan Runyon, son of Reuben and Sarah (Robinson) Runyon, and a grandson of Vincent and Mary (Hull) Runyon, married Rachel Compton, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Cox) Compton of Somerset County, New Jersey, *circa* 1755. Jonathan and his wife had three sons, John, Joseph, and Hendrick, and four daughters. The daughters married in New Jersey, and many of their descendants reside there. No New Jersey record has been found of the three sons.

Apparently John was born *circa* 1761 and Joseph and Hendrick later. John Compton and his wife, Margaret, Abraham Compton and Mary, his wife, and John Brickey, and others came to Botetourt County, Virginia, early in 1772, where John Compton purchased 411 acres of land on Long Run Creek May 5, 1775. John and Abraham Compton were cousins of John, Joseph, and Hendrick Runyon.

John and Joseph Runyon were listed on the poll tax rolls of Botetourt County for 1773 and 1774, and John served on a jury there in 1774. No further record has been found of Joseph. The next record of John is where he was listed on the poll tax rolls in Montgomery County, Virginia, in 1782.

Montgomery County was organized in 1776. Before his taxes were paid, John and his family had moved to another location, probably Wythe County.

A John Runyon, his wife, and six children are recorded as living in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in the 1790 U.S. Census. William Ely, *History of the Big Sandy Valley,* says that John Runyon of Pike County, Kentucky, came from North Carolina.

Adron, John's son, named one of his sons John Compton Runyon, and Nancy, John's daughter, who married John Stafford, named one of her sons Compton Stafford. Mitchell, John's grandson, had a daughter Louise who married William McCoy, who also named one of her sons Compton McCoy.

The above is the only proof that we have indicating the relationship of John and Joseph Runyon to Jonathan and Rachel (Compton) Runyon. It is reasonable to believe that John and Joseph came with their cousins from New Jersey to Botetourt County. Further search should be undertaken to confirm this theory.

John Brickey and other settlers of Botetourt County went to Tennessee, and some from there emigrated to Missouri. Joseph Runyon may have been among them.

It has been definitely established that John Runyon of Pond Creek was the ancestor of a large group of Pike County Runyons. When the compilation of this book was begun, it was not definitely known that John was the father of Henry and Adron. *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society,* vol. 48, p. 273, states that Henry Runyon, John's son, died of diptheria at Prestonsburg, Kentucky, September 11, 1859. Family tradition says that there were three brothers, and that John became separated from the other two, and the whereabouts of the other two is unknown. The three brother story is not new in genealogy, but in this particular case it may have some significance. Tradition also tells us that our ancestor spoke German, but we have no evidence supporting this.

John Runyon was probably a member of the Enon Bap-

tist Church, but the church minute book is missing, and further search may lead to its discovery. The Pond Creek Baptist Church received its constitution from the Enon Baptist Church and was organized May 13, 1843. John Wallis was appointed the first minister, and Adron Runyon, John's son, was appointed secretary. The minutes of the new church do not mention John or his wife, perhaps because they had died before then. The authors have given herein all available information relative to John Runyon, and from this information, further search may be made with successful results. There is a possibility that family Bible records may exist among some of the Tazewell County descendants.

In the text, relationships may be readily identified within the families by the following numbering system: children are numbered with arabic numerals; grandchildren. lower case italic letters; and great-grandchildren with double lower case italic letters. Maiden names are enclosed in parentheses, as are nicknames, with the exception that the latter are also enclosed with quotation marks.

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I : VINCENT RONGNION

MANY ACCOUNTS of Vincent Rongnion and his descendants are scattered throughout genealogical literature; however, the authors can give only limited space here to chronicles of our progenitor. Orra Eugene Monnet, *First Settlers of Piscataway, New Jersey,* gives much information about Huguenots in general, but specifically about those that came early into New Jersey. His narration of Vincent Rongnion (surname spelled as found in his marriage license) is quoted because the information cannot be improved upon.

"Vincent Rongnion, Huguenot, most strikingly illustrates the French Protestant origins, the religious schism in France, and the expatriation sacrifices, and the struggle for human freedom in a new environment, with a meritorious distinction, which gave vital effect to, and influence upon, the new civilization, in a new world. He was the sole head of a new race, whose progeny, with every French attribute, intermarried, and diffused itself through thousands of early New Jersey people.

"Vincent Rongnion should be memorialized as the distinctive and illustrious 'Head of the Race' in America. He originated in or near the city of Poitiers, in the Province of Ancienne Poitou, France.

"He came before 1668 to the Isle of Jersey, and then to America; married Anne Boutcher, alleged English woman, coming from Herts, England, who in reality was Anne Bouchierre, originally French.

"Vincent Rongnion, patriarch and progenitor of the New Jersey Runyon family, came to America some time before 1668, and first settled in Elizabeth Town, New Jersey. He may have accompanied Governor Philip Carteret, who settled that place in 1665, or migrated very soon after. It is no-

ticeable that many French Huguenots soon appeared in the colony. He was a carpenter."

Winnifred Beatty, *The Baumgardner Family,* gives a very excellent account of Vincent and his wife, Ann Martha:

"From France multitudes of protestants, called Huguenots, sought a refuge in America for permanent homes. It is a reliable tradition that the founder of the (Runyan-Runyon) Rognon family in America escaped from these cruel persecutions in his native place to the Isle of Jersey, off the coast of France and from there took ship to this country.

"The first reference to his name on this side of the waters is seen A.D. 1668 in a marriage license given by Phillip (*sic*) Carteret, the young governor of New Jersey at Trenton."

The document is on file in the office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey at Trenton, and reads as follows:

To any of the Justices of the Peace or Ministers of the Province of New Jersey:

Whereas I have received information of a mutual agreement between Vincent Rongnion, of Portiers, in France, and Ann Boutcher, daughter of John Boutcher, of Hartford, in England, to solemnize marriage together, for which they have requested my lycense, and there appearing no lawful impediment for the obstruction thereof, these are to require you or eyther of you, to joyne the said Vincent Rongnion and Ann Boutcher in matrimony, and them to pronounce man and wife, and to make record thereof, according to the laws in that behalf provided, for the doing whereof this shall be to you or eyther of you a sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal of the Province, the 28th day of June, 1668, and the 20th year of the raigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, of England, Scotland and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, &c.

(Signed) Ph. Carteret.

This couple were joyned in matrimony by me the 17th of July, 1668.

(Signed) James Bolton.

Quoting from Beatty again:

"Ann Martha Boutcher, daughter of John Boutcher of Hertfordshire, England, in all probability was of Huguenot origin from a French family of Boucher that settled in England. She was born about 1650. The date of her death is not known but supposed to be around 1723–25. The name Boutcher or Bouchoree, its original form, and the old French form "Burkhart" means strong castle.

"Vincent Rongnion, born in 1645 and died November, 1713, is buried with his wife in the First Baptist cemetery at Piscataway, New Jersey, but their graves are not marked.

"Ann Boutcher, the newly wedded wife of Vincent Rongnion may have been a descendant of the same family as Joan Boutcher of Kent, a lady of distinction and piety, who was a Baptist and was burned at the stake May 2, 1550 within sight of the Canterbury Cathedral.

"The next public notice of Vincent Rongnion's name is found as owner of a piece of ground at Elizabethtown which he bought March 20, 1671–2. He was probably induced to make his first settlement at that place because of the national affinity of the early settlers. The Governor, himself, was of Norman French ancestry and the Surveyor General, Robert Vanquellin, came from Caen, in France. The Secretary of the Province, James Bolten, was also of French extraction. Besides, there emigrated with Governor Carteret a number of French men and women.

"Vincent Rongnion did not remain long among that settlement, for the stern Puritan element predominated and rendered his relation unpleasant. Disposing of his town property as soon as possible, the next notice of him was in the Baptist community, at Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Here on the Raritan River in the Spring of 1677, purchased a farm of 154½ acres and from the homestead established there went out many children to become founders of other large and influential lines of the Rongnion family."

Calvin I. Kephart, *Runyon-Runyan Family (New Jer-*

sey), gives the most accurate listing of the children of Vincent and Ann Martha Boutcher:

"(1) John Runy*an*, born 1669 at Piscataway; md. Ann Elizabeth Donn (later Dun and Dunn) on July 20, 1692; lived in Hunterdon County, N.J. He died at Rocky Hill, Somerset County, November, 1745. She was born March 19, 1676, a daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Drake) Donn, the latter a daughter of Capt. Francis and Mary Drake. Issue.

"(2) Vincent Runyon, born 1671; md. Mary, daughter of Hopewell Hull, on December 2, 1691. She was born August 10, 1670. Lived in Middlesex County, where he died in March 1724. Issue.

"(3) Ann Runyon, born 1673; md. Nathaniel Leonard, son of Henry of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County. Issue.

"(4) Thomas Runy*an*, born 1675; md. Martha Donn, sister of above Ann Elizabeth, about 1698; lived near Hopewell, Hunterdon County, where he died April 1753. She was born July 13, 1681. Issue.

"(5) Mary Runyon; born July 2, 1677. No further data.

"(6) Peter Runyon, born July 1, 1680; md. Providence, daughter of Samuel Blackford, on October 12, 1704. Lived at Piscataway, where he died in October 1753. Issue.

"(7) Jane Runyon, born January 19, 1683. No further data.

"(8) Sarah Runyon, born October 30, 1686; md. Richard Sutton on January 25, 1702. He was born July 18, 1676. Lived at Piscataway."

John and Thomas Runyon married daughters of Hugh and Elizabeth (Drake) Donn (later Dunn) and settled in West New Jersey before 1700. The following appears in the New Jersey Archives, Vol. XXI, pp. 517–18:

"March 18, 1699; grant from West Jersey Society to Ralph Hunt . . . John Runion, Thomas Runion . . . and others all of Maidenhead, Burlington County, for 100 acres of the society's 15,000 acres above the fall of the Delaware to be used for a meeting-house; burying ground and schoolhouse."

Many of the descendants of these two sons of Vincent and

Ann Martha (Boutcher) Rongnion assumed the Runy*a*n spelling, and this distinction persists in some of the descending families of these two sons, but not completely. There are other lists which have been compiled of the children of Vincent and Ann Martha (Boutcher) Rongnion; but they are apparently incorrect, since the lists do not include John and Thomas, and grandchildren are included, an error frequently found in the study of genealogy.

Mabel Louise Keech, *Roygnon–Runyon Coat-of-Arms,* discusses the armorial bearing. She says it "is registered in Gouget's "Armorial Du Poitou et Etat Des Nobles," under the names of Henry Roygnon, Sr., and Henry de Regnon." The description given is: Porte Roygnon: *d'azus* (sic) *a* 3 *mousches* (sic) *a miel d'or.*" She quotes Gouget further: "Ete.—Pezenne, El. de Fontenay—Henry Roygnon, Sr. de Chaligne, idem Ste.—Pezenne Henry Roygnon, Sr., de Saligne."

Keech gives another reference: "Rietstap's 'Armorial General' registers Regnon de Chaligny still different spellings. He is a marquis from Poitou, and the Arms described *D'azur a frois abeilles d'or.* Supports: *Deux lions.* Devise, M*el Regi.*"

Kephart, *Runyon–Runyan Family,* gives the following:

"The family coat-of-arms is as follows: Azure, with 3 bees or. Motto: Mel Regi. That is, a blue shield with three bees of gold, with the motto as stated. *(Reference: Armorial Général de France,* by d'Hozier, volume *Poitou,* No. 794, in the Bibliotheque Nationale at Paris)."

There are discrepancies in these descriptions, and they are given without comment.

II : JOHN RUNYON (1751?–184?)

Of Pond Creek, Kentucky

John Runyon was born either in 1751 or 1761. No Bible record of his family is known to exist, and the traditional stories of his origin are conflicting. Some of his descendants believe that he came to Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, from North Carolina, and others insist that he came from Russell County, Virginia, and settled on Pond Creek, which at that time was in Floyd County, Kentucky. There is evidence that John and his family lived in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in 1790, as shown in the U.S. Census for that year. The traditional story that he lived in Russell County is without evidence.

The name of his wife is unknown. However, there is a tradition that her name was Betsy Raemer (spelling uncertain). Nancy Jane Varney, who resides at Road Fork, Kentucky, said that the reason that she was so certain that Adron Runyon's father and mother were named John and Betsy was because her great-grandparents on the Varney side were also named John and Betsy. It is most likely that John was born in New Jersey and may have married there, but no record has been found to substantiate this conjecture.

The first notice of John's residence in Virginia is found in the tithe list of Botetourt County for 1773. The list, prepared by Benjamin Estill, does not mention the location of John's residence. John and Joseph Runyon (Runion) were listed as taxpayers in Botetourt County in 1773 and 1774. The 1774 tithe list was unsigned and again, the place of residence was not mentioned. No further record of Joseph has been found. Montgomery County was formed from Bote-

tourt, Fincastle, and Wythe counties in 1775. John and Joseph may have lived after 1775 in Montgomery County.

John Runyon (Runion) was a juror for the trial of the famous *William Donald & Co.* v. *Henry Yoacum* law suit in Fincastle, Botetourt County, April 15, 1774.

George Peary, in a letter to Col. William Preston, dated December 17, 1782, named John G. Runyon and others as having departed from Montgomery County before he had collected their poll taxes.

Fothergill and Naugle, *Virginia Taxpayers for 1782–87,* list two John Runyons as taxpayers in Montgomery County in 1782. The other John Runyon was a son of Isaac Runyon, a Revolutionary War soldier, and lived in Montgomery County until 1790, when his parents moved to Wythe County.

The John Runyon under consideration may have lived in Virginia until after 1788, because some of his children were born in Virginia during the 1780's. John was listed in the 1790 U.S. Census of Wilkes County, North Carolina, with his wife and six children. John and his family departed from North Carolina soon after 1790, since his daughter Susannah was born in Virginia in 1797. John is not listed in the 1800 U.S. Census of Wilkes County, and the 1800 U.S. Census does not include Tazewell County, Virginia, which was formed in that year. However, John is listed on the Tazewell County tax roll for 1801 and thereafter until 1809. In 1805 there are two John Runyons listed. Again this other John may have been Isaac Runyon's son who in 1805 sold his land in Montgomery County to Frederick Shepherd.

The next record of John Runyon is in the 1820 U.S. Census of Floyd County, Kentucky. He is listed with his wife, one daughter, and one son. John and his wife were then more than forty-five years old.

Pike County, Kentucky, was formed in 1821, and John lived in that part of Floyd County which later became Pike County. The 1830 U.S. Census of Pike County lists John, his wife, and an unmarried daughter as living there. John

was between sixty and seventy, his wife between seventy and eighty, and the unmarried daughter more than thirty years old.

The 1840 U.S. Census of Pike County does not show John as the head of a family. However, living with Adron Runyon's family was an elderly couple, which must have been John and his wife. The male person listed was between eighty and ninety, and the female was more than ninety years old. It is reasonable to believe that this elderly couple was John and his wife living with their son. All records indicate that John was one or two years younger than his wife. When the 1830 U.S. Census of Pike County is compared with the 1840 U.S. Census, a discrepancy of ten years in their ages is seen. Their birth dates may be near either 1751 or 1761.

Other records of John show that he assisted in surveying a parcel of land for the trustees of Pike County Seminary on April 15, 1824. Also John and his son-in-law Alexander Varney were assistants to a survey of fifty acres of land for Moses Maynard on Pond Creek, Pike County, September 15, 1825. John also assisted in surveying fifty acres of land for his son Adron on Pond Creek April 8, 1840. This last record verifies that John lived past 1840. John signed the marriage bond for John Varney to marry Anna Roman. John Varney was a son of Alexander and Susannah (Runyon) Varney and John Runyon's grandson. John also witnessed the signature of William and Nancy Roman, Anna's parents, to the letter of consent, dated September 2, 1833, for Anna Roman and John Varney to marry.

In the field of litigation there is another record of John. It is in the Execution Book of the Circuit Court of Pike County and was a suit for slander, *John Runyon* v. *John McCoy*. Apparently the case was tried and $100 damages were awarded John Runyon. An order of execution was issued August 16, 1830. The suit was filed May 12, 1830 and is listed under file number 204, Pike County Circuit Court. The evidence shows John Runyon was an old man with

gray hair, and that he lived between William Davis and William Mainors.

The chronological order of the birth dates of John's children is not certain. His children include:

1. Nancy, who married John Stafford in Tazewell County May 10, 1803, with John Tollett officiating. They went to Logan County, Virginia, settled at the mouth of Lick Creek, and owned land there. In later years John Stafford and his family moved across Tug River and purchased land above the mouth of Pond Creek. John Stafford died intestate in 1832. Their children were: (*a*) Sarah ("Sally"), married Andrew Varney May 9, 1820, in Floyd County. Andrew Varney was a brother to Alexander Varney, who married Susannah, sister to Nancy. Andrew moved to Pigeon Creek in Logan County, Virginia, in later years, where he was granted at least 822 acres of land, and remained there until his death. (*b*) Mary Ann or Maryan, married Randolph McCoy November 11, 1823, in Pike County, with Hammon Williamson officiating. (*c*) John, married Levisa Spratt August 12, 1830, consent having been given by their fathers, John Stafford, Sr., and Isaac Spratt, with Hammon Williamson officiating. (*d*) Compton, married Eleanor McCoy April 22, 1833, consent having been given by Samuel and Elizabeth McCoy, the bride's parents, and Nancy Stafford, the bridegroom's mother, with Hammon Williamson officiating. (*e*) Parlina, married John Sanson May 5, 1833, whose parents were John and Elizabeth Sanson, Sr., with Ferrell Evans officiating. (*f*) Matilda, married John Farley, brother of William H. Farley, June 30, 1833, with Ferrell Evans officiating. Matilda stated that she was of lawful age by record. (*g*) Nancy, married Daniel Scott July 10, 1836. The letter of consent was signed by his parents, William and Elizabeth Scott, and Nancy's mother, and Ferrell Evans officiated. (*h*) Flemons ("Flemming"). (*i*) Elizabeth.

2. Henry, 1788–1859.

3. Anne, married Charles Lusk June 20, 1811, in Tazewell County, with John Perry officiating. It is not definitely established that Anne was a daughter of John. Charles and

Anne Lusk lived in Tazewell County and had issue. Charles may have been a brother to Polly Lusk, who married Benjamin Runyon January 6, 1807, and William Lusk, who married Charity Runyon December 25, 1806. It is also possible that Benjamin may have been John's son.

4. Charity, born *circa* 1792 in Virginia. She was an invalid, probably from birth. She died August 25, 1838, and is buried near her parents in the Pond Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

5. Susannah, 1797–1852.

6. Adron, 1801–59.

HENRY RUNYON (1778–1859)

Son of John Runyon of Pond Creek, Kentucky

Henry Runyon was born in 1788 in that part of Montgomery County which later became Tazewell County, Virginia. He married Hannah Collins February 1, 1810, in Tazewell County. During 1810 Henry and his wife moved to a place in Floyd County which later became Pike County, Kentucky. The 1810 U.S. Census of Floyd County lists Henry Runyon, his wife, and one son. The 1830 U.S. Census of Pike County lists Henry Runyon, his wife, five sons, and three daughters. By 1850 Henry and Hannah Runyon were living alone in Pike County not far from where his parents lived, all their children having married or gone elsewhere. Hannah died March 5, 1857. In 1859 Henry went to Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, seeking treatment for a serious throat infection. He died September 11, 1859 and is buried in Prestonsburg.

The successive order of the births of Henry and Hannah (Collins) Runyon's children is not known with certainty. They may have had more children than are listed herein. The children include:

1. William, 1810?–?.

2. Harvey, 1812–7?.

3. Nancy, married William Castel December 29, 1829, in

Pike County. Nancy's father signed the marriage bond. William and his wife were living in Pike County in 1830.

4. Susannah, born *circa* 1816 in Pike County. She married James Cole May 16, 1830, in Pike County. The marriage bond was signed by Frederick Ratliff. Susannah's father and brother Harvey signed the application for the marriage license. Susannah may have been named for her aunt Susannah, wife of Alexander Varney. James Cole and his wife were living in Pike County in 1830. No further record.

5. Henry, Jr., 1821–79?.

6. Polly, married William Farley August 6, 1846, in Pike County. Polly's father signed the marriage bond and gave his consent. Thomas Farley, William's father, certified that William was twenty-one years old and gave his consent to the marriage.

7. Rebecca, married Moses Hunt October 1, 1846, in Pike County. The marriage bond was signed by Daniel Nurrip and the bridegroom. Rebecca's father gave his consent to the marriage. No further record.

8. Adam, 1824–1901?.

9. Moses, born *circa* 1828, perhaps in Pike County. He married Eliza Romans in June, 1850, in Floyd County. On September 6, 1850, they were listed in the U.S. Census of Pike County. Apparently they were living on Pond Creek not far from the residence of Mitchell Runyon. They resided in Pike County, where three of their children were born, until about 1862, when they moved to a farm in Lawrence County, Ohio, where their next child was born in 1863. The 1870 U.S. Census lists Moses, his wife, and seven children living in Lawrence County. Their children were: (*a*) Alpha ("Albert"), born in 1853. He married (1st) Margaret E. Markins August 20, 1871, at Ironton, Ohio. Moses Runyon gave his consent. Alpha married (2nd) Lucy Bacrus August 7, 1883, at Ironton. The application for a marriage license was signed by Moses Runyon. (*b*) Sarah, born in 1855. (*c*) Martha, born in 1860. (*d*) William H., born in 1863. He married Sarah Tait, daughter of Margaret Tait, January 2, 1883, in Lawrence County. (*e*) Jeremiah, born in 1865. (*f*)

Mary, born in 1867. (*g*) Montreville, born in October, 1869.

It is not definite that Moses is the youngest son of Henry and Hannah (Collins) Runyon. Discrepancies in the ages and birthplaces of both Moses and Eliza exist in the census records.

WILLIAM RUNYON (1810?–?)

Son of Henry and Hannah (Collins) Runyon

William Runyon was born either in Tazewell County, Virginia, or Floyd County, Kentucky, *circa* 1810. He married (1st) Polly Maynard, daughter of William and Elizabeth Maynard June 3, 1830, in Pike County. The marriage bond was signed by Moses Maynard and John Bevins. The written consent was signed by William and Elizabeth Maynard and attested by Moses Maynard. William and his wife are listed in the 1830 U.S. Census of Pike County. Polly probably died soon after the birth of their first child, Harvey, in 1832. Before 1840 William and his son Harvey settled near Catlettsburg, Kentucky. William married (2nd) Susannah (surname unknown) probably in Greenup County, Kentucky, *circa* 1837, and they are listed in the 1840 U.S. Census for Greenup County, together with two sons and one daughter. Susannah was born in Virginia in 1815. Their residence was at or near Sandy City, near Catlettsburg, where they lived until their deaths. They are buried in the Williams Cemetery at Ashland, Kentucky.

Children of William and Polly (Maynard) Runyon were:

1. Harvey, born in 1832, probably in Pike County. He married Margaret (surname unknown), probably in Greenup County, since he lived near his father's homestead. Their children were: (*a*) William J., born in 1853. (*b*) John W., born in 1855. (*c*) George W., born in 1858. (*d*) Jessie, born in 1861. (*e*) Levi, born in 1866. (*f*) Columbus, born in 1868. Other children may have been born after 1870, and Harvey and his wife may have lived in Lawrence County, Ohio, after that date, since at least one of their children

married at Ironton, Ohio. William J. Runyon and Octavia Stewart were married there November 27, 1872. Harvey gave consent to the marriage and stated that William J. was more than eighteen years old.

Children of William and Susannah Runyon were:

1. George, born in 1840, in Greenup County. He married Ellander ("Lander") (surname unknown), probably in Greenup County, *circa* 1859. They may have lived in Cabell County, West Virginia. Some of their descendants live there.

2. Eliza, born in 1843, married Benjamin F. Lewis September 28, 1865, at Catlettsburg. Eliza was living with her parents in 1870, and had one child, Adaline, born in 1867.

3. Margaret ("Margery"), born in 1845, married John Maynard, son of William Maynard of Pigeon Creek, Logan County, Virginia.

4. Elizabeth, born in 1847, married Ralph Stewart at Catlettsburg June 30, 1878.

5. Charles A., born in 1851, married Sibena E. Cummins July 7, 1870, in Boyd County, Kentucky.

6. James M., born in 1854, married Harriet C. Lefler November 23, 1876, at Catlettsburg. She was born in 1858 in Montgomery County, Virginia, and died in 1933 at Catlettsburg. James M. was in the timber and lumber business at Catlettsburg. Harriet C. (Lefler) Runyon executed her last will August 30, 1929, and it was probated June 27, 1933, in Boyd County. She mentioned her children: Flora Paterson; Malinda Hunt; Minnie Caudill; Lydia Stock; Walter, Sidney, and Frank Runyon; Mildred Slone; and Goebel Runyon. James M. Runyon died earlier than his wife.

7. Columbus, born in 1859 near Catlettsburg. No further record. However, a Columbus C. Runyon married Katie Webb February 20, 1892, at Ironton, Ohio.

HARVEY RUNYON (1812–7?)

Son of Henry and Hannah (Collins) Runyon

HARVEY RUNYON was born in Pike County in 1812. He mar-

ried Mary ("Polly") Stottz, daughter of John and Margaret Stottz, April 15, 1831, in Pike County, with Harmon Williamson, M.B.C., officiating. The marriage bond was signed by William Runyon, Harvey's brother. Mary was born in 1808 in North Carolina. Henry and Hannah Runyon gave their written consent for their son's marriage; and Margaret Stottz, Mary's mother, also gave her written consent. After their marriage and before 1840, they moved to Greenup County, Kentucky, since they are listed in the 1840 U.S. Census of that county. They later moved to a part of Carter County which became a part of Boyd County, Kentucky. Harvey was granted land on Shocky Fork of Whites Creek, Boyd County. He sold 200 acres of land to Maranda Galloway, wife of James Galloway September 18, 1869. The deed of conveyance was signed by Harvey, Mary, and Henry, his son.

During 1856 Harvey, his wife, and children returned to Pike County and by letter were admitted as members of the Old Pond Creek Baptist Church. However, by 1860 they were again living in Boyd County, since they were listed in the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Boyd County.

The children of Harvey and Mary (Stottz) Runyon were:

1. Henry, born in 1832 in Pike County. He married Martha J. (surname unknown), probably in Greenup County, and owned land on Ellington Run of East Fork of Little Sandy River, which later was in Boyd County. Their children were: (*a*) Las E., born in 1861. (*b*) Caroline, born in 1865. (c) Lucinda E., born in 1868. (*d*) William O., born in June, 1870. There may have been other children born after 1870.

2. Cynda, born in 1835. No further record.

3. Nancy, born in 1840 in Greenup County. She married William C. May on May 1, 1856, in Pike County at the home of Henry Runyon, her grandfather. They lived in Pike County.

4. Sophia, born in 1842. She married John Howell, son of Samuel and Catherine Howell, October 25, 1860, in Boyd County.

5. Martha, born in 1844. She married William M. Clay June 19, 1873, in Boyd County.

6. Matilda, born in 1847. She married Samuel Tiller March 26, 1862, in Boyd County.

7. John M., born in 1849. He married Lucinda Collinsworth July 16, 1884, in Boyd County. They resided in the vicinity of Coalton, Kentucky, and had issue. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, married John Langley in Boyd County November 6, 1901.

8. Andrew, born in 1853. He married Caroline Marrow June 19, 1875, in Boyd County.

HENRY RUNYON, JR. (1821–79?)

Son of Henry and Hannah (Collins) Runyon

Henry Runyon, Jr., was born in 1821 in Pike County, Kentucky. He married Mary ("Polly") Blackburn, daughter of William and Jane Blackburn August 31, 1841. Henry Runyon, Sr., signed the marriage bond and William and Jane Blackburn gave their written consent for Polly's marriage to Henry, Jr. Henry, Jr., and his wife are listed in the 1850 U.S. Census as living in Pike County. Before 1860 they were living in part of Floyd County which later became part of Martin County, Kentucky. Henry, Jr., and his wife conveyed by deed 100 acres of land situated on Meathouse Fork of Wolf Creek, Martin County, to Henry H. Preece November 30, 1878. Henry died probably in 1879.

Children of Henry and Mary ("Polly") (Blackburn) Runyon were:

1. Alfred, 1844–?.

2. Calvary, 1846–?.

3. Alpha, born in 1848, married John Young August 12, 1865 in Floyd County at her father's residence. Alfred, her brother, and John Blackburn were witnesses. William Maynard, M.G., officiated.

4. Henry, III, born in 1849. No further record.

5. Armenda, born October 16, 1852. She married (1st) Alexander Preece April 16, 1870, in Floyd County at the residence of her parents. Calvary, her brother, signed the marriage bond. Alexander was born in 1852 in Lawrence County, Kentucky. They had one son, Daniel Boone Preece. Alexander probably died before 1879, and Armenda married (2nd) Henry H. Preece September 1, 1879, in Martin County, Kentucky. Henry H., son of Alexander and Lavina (Stratton) Preece, was born May 30, 1841, in Johnson County, Kentucky. He enlisted at Catlettsbburg in Company H, 14th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry of the Federal Army, and served during the Civil War as a private and later as a sergeant.

6. Levisa, born in 1854, married Joseph Preece of Martin County. No further record.

ALFRED RUNYON (1844–?)

Son of Henry and Mary (Blackburn) Runyon, Jr.

Alfred Runyon was born November 12, 1844, in Pike County, Kentucky. He married Nancy Moore *circa* 1866. Their children were:

1. Amanda M. V., born August 15, 1867. She married John Marrs April 14, 1885, at the residence of her parents in Pike County.
2. James, 1869–1933.
3. Thomas, born July 16, 1871. No further record.
4. Ella, born March 20, 1876, married James Nunnery.
5. Hannah, born June 15, 1878, married a Mr. Meade.
6. Leote born June 24, 1882, married a Mr. Mullins.
7. Polly, born November 17, 1886, and died in 1950. She married John Weddington. They had one daughter, Georgia, who married Jack Greer. Jack and Georgia Greer's children are: (*aa*) Eddie, born in 1932. (*bb*) Phyllis, born in 1938.

JAMES RUNYON (1869–1933)

Son of Alfred and Nancy (Moore) Runyon

James Runyon was born December 18, 1869, and died May 14, 1933. He married S. Maggie Harville, daughter of Moses Harville, March 10, 1887, in Pike County, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Henry Ballard, born August 18, 1889, married Mollie Sowards June 29, 1910, in Pike County. They reside at Shelbiana, Kentucky.
2. Thomas Orville, 1891–.
3. Zella, born June 6, 1893, married Chester Blackburn.
4. Lillian, born in 1897, married Thomas G. Blankenship July 3, 1915, in Pike County.
5. Benjamin ("Ben"), born in 1899, married Fanny Leedy, daughter of James and Girdie Leedy, September 23, 1920.
6. Elpha, born *circa* 1900, married Banner Clark in Pike County.
7. Violet, born in 1903, married Ervin Scalf.
8. Joseph, born in 1905, married Georgia Clark in Pike County. They reside on Caney Fork of John's Creek, Pike County.
9. Moses ("Mosie"), born in 1906, married Mabel James, daughter of Malcolm and Litha James, May 30, 1925, in Pike County.

THOMAS ORVILLE RUNYON (1891–)

Son of James and S. Maggie (Harville) Runyon

Thomas Orville Runyon was born December 4, 1891. He married Maggie Thompson June 6, 1918, in Pike County, Kentucky. He resides at Shelbiana, Kentucky. She died April 23, 1933. Their children are:

1. Thelma, born February 18, 1919, married John Doak Tackett August 4, 1946. She teaches school at Shelbiana.

2. Olva Mae, born January 28, 1921, married Douglas Sanders June 27, 1942.

3. Thomas Orville, Jr., born May 14, 1923, married Martha Meza P. October 2, 1944. Their children are: (*a*) John Thomas, born August 15, 1945, at Pikeville, Kentucky. (*b*) Larry, born October 27, 1946, at Guatemala City, Guatemala. (c) James Arthur, born November 7, 1948, at Salina, Kansas. (*d*) Jo Ann, born February 7, 1951, at Kansas City, Missouri.

4. Benjamin ("Ben"), born February 25, 1926. Unmarried.

5. Herbert Kermit, born February 18, 1929, married Arline Thompson November 2, 1951. They have one son, James Richard, born January 13, 1953, at Entiat, Washington.

6. Christine, born December 25, 1932, married Edward Rice November 12, 1953.

CALVARY RUNYON (1846–?)

Son of Henry and Mary (Blackburn) Runyon, Jr.

Calvary Runyon was born in 1846 in Pike County, Kentucky. He married Amanda Blankenship, daughter of John R. Blankenship, of Lower Johns Creek, Pike County. Calvary lived near his parents' residence on Meathouse Fork of Wolf Creek, Martin County, Kentucky. He sold 150 acres of land on Meathouse Fork to Henry H. Preece January 10, 1880, for $175 and one half of the amount necessary for the maintenance of his mother during the remainder of her life. The children of Calvary and Amanda (Blankenship) Runyon are:

1. M. America, married Thomas I. Blackburn May 14, 1890. They lived at Fish Trap, Kentucky. Thomas I. died in 1951.

2. Oma, born *circa* 1869, married (1st) Thomas J. Roope April 17, 1890, (2nd) W. C. Blackburn May 25, 1904, at

Gulnare, Kentucky, and (3rd) L. B. Sword, son of William and Crissie Sword, April 30, 1918.

3. Rebecca, 187?–.

4. George M., born in 1873, married Betsy Collins, daughter of William Collins, November 8, 1894. She was born in 1875. They reside on Turkey Creek, Pike County.

5. Wayne, born in 1878, married Nancy Collins December 21, 1906. They reside at Fish Trap on the Levisa River above Millard, Kentucky.

6. William Joseph, married Maggie P. Blackburn August 16, 1902.

7. James Floyd, born in 1885, married Levisa ("Vicy") Canada September 12, 1907.

REBECCA A. RUNYON (187?–)

Daughter of Calvary and Amanda (Blankenship) Runyon

Rebecca A. Runyon married Elcany ("Cain") Taylor January 15, 1891, at the Road Fork schoolhouse on Lower John's Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, and later moved to Mossey Bottom, Pike County, where Elcany died in 1923. Their children are:

1. Elizabeth, born in 1895, married Clyde Rutherford August 10, 1915. They reside at Buckroe Beach, Virginia. Clyde is a son of Ballard Rutherford of Pond Creek, Pike County, and a grandson of Esther Rutherford, sister of Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon, wife of Joseph A. Runyon and mother of Amos Runyon of Belfry, Kentucky.

2. Charles, born March 16, 1897, married Rosa Owens January 19, 1921. They lived on John's Creek and later moved to Portsmouth, Ohio where Charles is employed by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

3. Trimble A. born in 1899, married Edna Williams February 9, 1918.

4. Amanda, married Montreville Lawson March 8, 1912, at the residence of her parents and later moved to Ohio.

5. Minnie L., married Carroll Walker June 10, 1913, at her parents' residence. They reside on John's Creek, Pike County.

ADAM RUNYON (1824–1901?)

Son of Henry and Hannah (Collins) Runyon

ADAM RUNYON was born in Pike County, Kentucky, March 25, 1824. He died in Vinton County, Ohio, after 1901. Adam went to Catlettsburg, Kentucky, *circa* 1845, and married Hester A. Nipps (surname uncertain), probably in Greenup County, Kentucky. Their first child was born near Catlettsburg. The U.S. Census of Greenup County and the marriage records in Boyd County, Kentucky. indicate that Adam and his family moved to Cabell County, Virginia, where two children were born. They returned to Catlettsburg and settled at Shepherd Hill on Catletts Creek, where their youngest child was born.

Adam left his family sometime after the youngest child was born and went to Brown Township, Vinton County. The 1870 U.S. Census of Vinton County lists Adam, forty-five years old, and Margaret, his wife, thirty-three. Living with them were Thomas Collins, seventeen, Nancy Collins, eleven, and Mary Adkins, eight.

The 1870 U.S. Census of Boyd County lists Hester A. Runyon, forty-three years old, born in Virginia, as keeping house at Shepherd Hill. Nancy Wilkes, seventy-three, born in Virginia, was living at the home of Hester A. Runyon, and may have been Hester's mother. Also listed as living with Hester A. were John E., his wife Mollie, James A., and Sarah Runyon.

The children of Adam and Hester A. Runyon were:

1. John Emery, born February 21, 1847, and died February 12, 1920. He married Mollie Damron, sister of Joshua Damron, a Primitive Baptist minister, March 31, 1870, at his mother's residence, where they lived for a short time. Mollie Damron was born October 13. 1846. and died May

26, 1933. Their children are: (*a*) David Harry, born January 2, 1871, died March 23, 1906. (*b*) Samuel Damron, born August 30, 1873, died December 4, 1890. (*c*) James Allen, born November 17, 1875, died December 8, 1945. He married Lena Daniels; no issue. (*d*) John Emery, Jr., born June 14, 1878, died in April, 1941. (*e*) Hester Ann, born September 2, 1880. She resides in Catlettsburg. (*f*) William Joshua, born June 14, 1888, died September 27, 1948. He married (1st) Bessie Smith May 30,1914, and they had one son, Harmon Ray, born September 26, 1915. William Joshua and Bessie (Smith) Runyon were divorced, and he married (2nd) Goldie Barker September 16, 1925. To this union three children were born: (*a*) Charles William, born July 6, 1926. (*b*) Rosemary, born April 27, 1929. (*c*) Billie Jo, born February 10, 1932.

2. Rebecca, born *circa* 1849, married Newt N. Dixon. No further record.

3. Mary Jane, born *circa* 1851, married Milton W. Ratliff at her mother's residence December 31, 1867. He was born in Pike County. The Boyd County marriage register gives Mary Jane's birthplace as Cabell County.

4. James Allen, born 1852 in Cabell County. He married Elizabeth Church and died in Athens, Ohio.

5. Sarah E., born 1856 in Greenup County, married D. C. Coates at her mother's residence June 15, 1878. He was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and was thirty-four years old and a widower at the time of his marriage.

SUSANNAH RUNYON (1797–1852)

Daughter of John Runyon of Pond Creek, Kentucky

Susannah Runyon was born in 1797 in Virginia. Probably soon after 1811 she went with her parents to Pond Creek, which later became part of Pike County, Kentucky. She married Alexander Varney, son of John and Betsy (Hunter) Varney, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The exact date of the marriage is uncertain, since the only part of the date on

the marriage bond that is discernible is "April 13." However, the marriage certificate was returned to the county clerk in Floyd County October 17, 1819, by Reuben Giddins, who officiated at the marriage. It is most likely that the marriage took place several years before 1819, because Susannah's first child married in 1833. Also, the 1820 U.S. Census of Pike County indicates that two children were born to Alexander and Susannah (Runyon) Varney by 1820.

Susannah died August 10, 1852, and is buried near her parents in the Pond Creek Baptist Church Cemetery near Belfry, Kentucky. Alexander Varney was born in 1797 in Virginia. He owned land on Peges Branch of Pond Creek and perhaps lived there during the life of Susannah, his first wife. After Susannah's death, Alexander married Susan Pain January 2, 1853, in Pike County, with Adron Runyon, justice of the peace, officiating.

Alexander purchased a parcel of land from his brother Andrew September 4, 1850, on Fall Rock Branch of Rockhouse Fork of Pigeon Creek, Logan County, Virginia, now Mingo County, West Virginia. Soon after his marriage to Susan, Alexander moved to Pigeon Creek and occupied his land. Alexander and Susan sold their land on Peges Branch of Pond Creek August 8, 1858, to Thomas Hunt, husband of Matilda (Varney) Hunt. Alexander died after 1870, and is buried on Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek.

The exact successive order of some of the children of Alexander and Susannah (Runyon) Varney is not definitely known. They were.

1. John, who married Anna Roman, daughter of William and Nancy Roman, September 5, 1833. John's grandfather, John Runyon, attested the letter of consent. By 1840 John and Anna had two sons and one daughter.

2. Francis, who married Polly Williamson in Pike County March 17, 1839. Consent to the marriage was signed by his parents.

3. Henry C., born September 15, 1817, and died April 16, 1836. He married Jane Yantas McNeely.

4. Andrew, born July 28, 1819, and died May 27, 1886. He married Nancy Rutherford, daughter of Reuben Rutherford, Jr., March 1, 1838, with Richard Keesee, J.P., officiating. Their children are: (*a*) Alexander, born in 1840. (*b*) Mary A., born in 1842. (*c*) Louis J., born in 1845. (*d*) Perlina C., born in 1846. (*e*) Harrison, born in 1848. (*f*) Henry, born in August, 1850.

5. Sarah ("Sally"), who married John White.

6. Adron, born in 1821, and died in February, 1906. He married Lucy Webb.

7. Celia, who married James White.

8. Jane ("Jennie"), born in 1826, married William Callahan Runyon, son of Alexander and Sarah (Starr) Runyon, and had a large family. Jane died after 1870 in Logan County, West Virginia.

9. Madison, born in 1830, and died in 1908. He married Piety Staton .

10. Asa, born in 1833. He married (1st) Vicy Rutherford and (2nd) Basha Murphy.

11. Matilda, born in 1836, married Thomas Hunt and they had two children: (*a*) Nancy, born in 1854. (*b*) Alexander, born in 1855. Matilda may have died before 1860.

12. Hulda Jane, born *circa* 1838, married Andy Hensley.

III : ADRON RUNYON (1801–59)

Son of John Runyon of Pond Creek, Kentucky

Adron Runyon was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, June 14, 1801. When a lad he came with his parents to Pond Creek, which is now in Pike County, Kentucky, in 1811 or soon thereafter. Adron was living with his parents in Floyd County, Kentucky, in 1820.

Adron married Jane ("Jennie") Maynard, daughter of Moses Maynard, December 23, 1824, in Pike County. Moses Maynard signed the marriage bond. Jane was born February 25, 1810, on John's Creek, which is now in Pike County, and died May 30, 1883. After the death of her husband she lived the remainder of her life at the homestead on Pond Creek.

Adron was granted 1,192 acres of valuable coal and timber land, and he purchased other large tracts of land on Pond Creek. He was justice of the peace in Pike County from 1847 to 1857. He devoted most of his time to clearing and cultivating his land holdings. In his later days he was known as "Squire Runyon"; however, his neighbors, friends, and young people called him "Uncle Add." His last will was executed May 26, 1857, and probated August 15, 1859. He left his estate to his wife and children, excepting a tract to be used as a church and cemetery site. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and served as the first secretary until July 2, 1859. He was appointed deacon January 13, 1844.

Adron died July 14, 1859, at his residence. He and his wife are buried in the Pond Creek Baptist Church Cemetery near Belfry, Kentucky. They lie side by side beneath stately

beech trees. Near them lie Adron's sister Susannah and an unmarried sister, Charity, and most likely his father and mother, whose graves are without headstones. The church stands beneath the rising ground on which the cemetery is located. The cemetery is maintained by his descendants and most of the graves are marked.

The children of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon were:

1. Sarah ("Sally"), born September 14, 1827, in Pike County. She married William ("Billy") McCoy April 6, 1843. They lived in Pike County until about 1867, when they went to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they remained until their deaths. Some of their children were born in Pike County, and perhaps others were born in Missouri. Only scant information of this family is available. Their children are: (*a*) Epperson, married Emily Smith. (*b*) Levisa. (*c*) Walter. (*d*) Armenda. (*e*) Lucy. (*f*) Albert. (*g*) Lark. (*h*) Compton. (*i*) LaFayette.
2. Mitchell,1830–86.
3. Asa Harman, 1831–1915.
4. John Compton, 1833–1915.
5. Armenda, 1834–1918.
6. Louise ("Levisa"), 1836–94.
7. Mary ("Polly"), 1839–1920.
8. Elizabeth, 1841–1928.
9. Thomas Wallace, 1843–1920.
10. William Anderson, 1845–86.
11. Charity, 1847–1922.
12. Adron, Jr., 1850–?.
13. Moses, 1852–1927.
14. Orison Peter, 1855–97.

All the children of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon were married in Pike County, excepting William Anderson, who secured his marriage license in Floyd County. All of the daughters were married at their parents' residence. Most of the children reared large families, and many of these descendants live in Pike County.

MITCHELL RUNYON (1830–86)

Son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Mitchell Runyon was born January 26, 1830, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died January 24, 1886, at his residence near Catlettsburg, Kentucky. He married Margaret ("Peggy") Taylor, daughter of William A. and Sarah ("Sally") (Maynard) Taylor, January 6, 1848, in Pike County. He was granted 250 acres of land on Pond Creek, Pike County, and together with his portion from his father's estate, his holdings became large. All of his children except Constance were born at this site. On February 5, 1877, he purchased a farm of 213 acres from D. W. and Isabelle R. Eba at Catlettsburg. He lived there until his death. His last will was dated January 23, 1886, and is recorded in Will Book vol. 2, page 18, at the county clerk's office in Boyd County.

Margaret Taylor was born June 3, 1829, in Logan County, Virginia, and died July 12, 1899. She is buried by the side of her husband in the family reservation in the cemetery at Catlettsburg. Her father,William A. Taylor, was a Union soldier and a Civil War pensioner. William A. Taylor's family lived in Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky, during the Civil War. The children of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon were:

1. Lewis, 1849–1906.
2. Louise ("Vicy"), 1852–1926.
3. Floyd, 1856–1944.
4. Jane ("Jennie"), 1860–1936.
5. Pricy Angeline, 1862–1934.
6. Henderson Maynard ("Bud"), 1864–1934.
7. Sarah Ella, 1867–1919.
8. Hiram W. ("Hi"), 1869–1944.
9. Constance ("Coonie"), 1879–1920.

LEWIS RUNYON (1849–1906)

Son of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

Lewis Runyon was born January 30, 1849, on Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, and died September 12, 1906, at Welch, West Virginia. He married Esther Jane Bevins, daughter of James and Susan (Walker) Bevins, April 6, 1871, in Pike County. Esther Jane was born February 9, 1854, and died October 5, 1941, at Winchester, Kentucky. She is buried at Pikeville, Kentucky. In 1878 they went to Catlettsburg, where they were engaged in the hotel business. In about 1880 they returned to Pike County, where they lived most of the remainder of their lives. They had one child, Frances ("Fanny"), born November 29, 1881. She married (1st) Anthony Roland Williams March 18, 1903, at Catlettsburg. Frances was appointed postmaster of Pikeville March 21, 1928, and served a full term and perhaps another year before she resigned. They had one child, Esther May, born March 14, 1907, who married Murray Clinton Taylor. Esther May and her husband have one child, Jane Lee, born October 5, 1936. After the death of Anthony Roland Williams, Frances married (2nd) Guy H. Hamilton May 5, 1931. They reside near Cambridge City, Indiana.

LOUISE RUNYON (1852–1926)

Daughter of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

Louise ("Vicy") Runyon was born March 23, 1852, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died April 7, 1926. She married Joseph Floyd Bevins, son of Joseph and Mary Bevins, in Logan County, West Virginia. They lived in Pike County until before 1900; then they went to Cabell County, West Virginia, and purchased land at Culloden. Joseph Floyd was born in 1855 and died in 1901 at Culloden. They had one son, Lewis, who married Pricy Williamson December 19, 1889, in Pike County. Their children are: (*a*) Millard, (*b*) Ella, (*c*) Stella, (*d*) Rush, and (*e*) Rash.

After Floyd Bevins died, Louise and Lewis sold their land holdings at Culloden and moved below Portsmouth, Scioto

County, Ohio. After a few years they moved to Vanceburg, Lewis County, Kentucky, where Louise died.

FLOYD RUNYON (1856–1944)

Son of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

FLOYD RUNYON was born October 20, 1856, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died January 29, 1944, in Greenup County, Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Ann ("Betty") Lawson, daughter of Dr. George W. and Chloe Ann (Robertson) Lawson, December 13, 1874, at Logan, West Virginia. She was born in Logan County, West Virginia, September 7, 1858, and died at Ashland, Kentucky, January 29, 1939. She is buried in the family reservation in the Ashland Cemetery.

Floyd Runyon came with his parents from Pike County to Catlettsburg, Boyd County, Kentucky, in the spring of 1877. He lived near his father's residence until his father's death. He later purchased land on Chadwick's Creek near Catlettsburg.

The children of Floyd and Elizabeth Ann (Lawson) Runyon are:

1. Lillian ("Lilly"), 1876–1938.
2. Robert, 1881–.
3. Fanny Maude, born October 8, 1883, and died December 25, 1936. She married Simeon Williamson, of Williamson, West Virginia, December 7, 1904, at Catlettsburg. She is buried in the family reservation in the Ashland Cemetery. No issue.
4. George Mitchell, born June 9, 1886, at Catlettsburg and died February 18, 1912. Unmarried.
5. Mabel, born November 21, 1889, at Catlettsburg and died June 30, 1929, at Ashland. She is buried in the family reservation in the Ashland Cemetery. She married (1st) John Maiden February 28, 1906, at Williamson, West Virginia, where he was employed by the Norfolk & Western Railway Company. To this union one son, Kelly M., was

born November 15, 1909. John Maiden died, and Mabel married (2nd) John Williams July 20, 1914, at Catlettsburg. No issue.

6. Ernest Hood, born February 2, 1897, at Catlettsburg and died October 25, 1933. He is buried in the family reservation at the Ashland Cemetery. He married Doris Spriggs, and they had one child, Charles Vernon, born September 9, 1917. Charles Vernon went to live in New York City with an aunt.

LILLIAN RUNYON (1876–1938)

Daughter of Floyd and Elizabeth Ann (Lawson) Runyon

Lillian ("Lilly") Runyon was born November 4, 1876, and died October 22, 1938. She is buried in the cemetery at Ashland, Kentucky. She married Thornsberry Kirk, son of James and Jane Kirk, November 10, 1892, at her parents' residence near Catlettsburg, Kentucky, with Joshua Damron, M.B.C., officiating.

The children of Thornsberry and Lillian (Runyon) Kirk are:

1. Lafe, born August 15, 1893. He married Esther C. Johnson February 19, 1914, and they had three daughters, one of which, Helena Mae, married Bruce Hatcher May 6, 1939, at Ashland. Esther C. died and the daughters were reared by an aunt.

2. James ("Jimmie"), born *circa* 1894 and died at two years of age.

3. Ethel, born June 25, 1896. She married (1st) Semour Johnson January 1, 1915, and they had two daughters: (*a*) Garnet, and (*b*) Lillian. Ethel married (2nd) Fred Veneer and they reside at Portsmouth, Ohio, where he is employed by the Norfolk & Western Railway.

4. Bessie, born August 24, 1900. She married (1st) Charles Messersmith, and they had one son, Gene E., born November 20, 1923, at Ashland. Gene E. married Bernedelt

Kavanaugh November 18, 1944, at Bound Brook, New Jersey, while serving with the U.S. Army. Charles was killed in an automobile accident and his widow later married Harry Rodgers April 5, 1939, at Portsmouth, Ohio.

5. Edna, born November 4, 1904. She married Charles Pendleton at Catlettsburg, and they reside near Buena Vista, Ohio.

6. Mayme, born December 13, 1907. She married Joseph Marling and lived in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a U.S. government employee.

7. Elizabeth, born March 11, 1909. She married Orla Hackworth, and they reside at Ashland.

8. Alice, born January 23, 1911. She married Edward Harrington at Pheonix, Arizona, where they reside.

9. Delbert, born January 11, 1915. He is married, served in World War II with the U.S. Army, and lived in Portsmouth.

10. Amelia, born July 23, 1917. She has never married.

11. Charles, born April 6, 1921, and died December 1, 1931, in an autombile accident. He is buried in the Ashland Cemetery.

Data was contributed by Bessie (Kirk) Rodgers.

ROBERT RUNYON (1881–)

Son of Floyd and Elizabeth Ann (Lawson) Runyon

Robert Runyon was born July 28, 1881, near Catlettsburg, Kentucky. He married (1st) Norah Young, daughter of William Thornton and Mary (Mims) Young, September 16, 1901, at Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio. She was born January 23, 1881, and died December 3, 1908. She is buried in the family reservation in the cemetery at Catlettsburg. To this union one son, William Thornton, was born August 6, 1904, at Ashland, Kentucky. William T. came with his father to Brownsville, Texas, as a child and was educated there. He later attended the University of Texas, where he received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He married

Aurora Angelica Garibay, daughter of Francisco and Malvina (Centeno) Garibay, December 28, 1927, at Brownsville. Aurora Angelica was born January 3, 1910, at Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Their children are: (*a*) Billeena, born November 1, 1928, at Brownsville, (*b*) William Francis, born December 18, 1931, at Rosenberg, Texas, and (*c*) Edward Maurice, born October 24, 1936, at Brownsville.

Robert married (2nd) Amelia Leonor Medrano, daughter of Jose and Felipa (Longoria) Medrano, July 3, 1913, at Matamoros. Their children, all of which were born in Brownsville, are:

1. Lillian, born March 27, 1914. She was educated at Brownsville, and attended the University of Texas, where she received a bachelor of arts degree. She married James Henry Burney, son of Frank Edward and Allye Stacy (Goodman) Burney, October 1, 1941, at Brownsville. He was born October 14, 1910. James H. received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and now resides with his family in Corpus Christi, Texas. Their children are: (*a*) Donald Patrick, born March 31, 1945, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, (*b*) Frank Michael, born February 28, 1949, at Corpus Christi, and (*c*) Janet, born December 29, 1950, at Corpus Christi.

2. Amali, born November 9, 1915. She was educated in Brownsville and attended the University of Texas, where she received a bachelor of arts degree. She married Douglas Samuel Perkins, son of Samuel Julian and Marian (McDermott) Perkins, October 4, 1937, at Brownsville. He was born April 4, 1916. Douglas S. received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Texas. Their children are: (*a*) George-Anne, born July 10, 1939, (*b*) Robert Douglas, born February 16, 1941, and died February 17, 1942. He is buried in the family reservation in the Buena Vista Cemetery at Brownsville. (*c*) Richard Douglas, born December 5, 1942, (*d*) Amali Celeste, born January 6, 1946, (*e*) Beverly Marie, born July 31, 1948, and (*f*) John Douglas, born Oc-

tober 11, 1952. The six children were born in San Antonio, Texas.

3. Virginia, born September 29, 1917. She was educated in Brownsville, and attended the University of Texas. Virginia married Robert Edward Mike Gilbert January 13, 1941, at Brownsville. He was born September 1, 1914. He is a veteran of World War II. They reside at Harlingen, Texas. Their children are: (*a*) Michele Virginia ("Ginger"), born August 8, 1944, in San Antonio. (*b*) Madeleine Brooke, born October 11, 1948, in Brownsville. (*c*) Douglas Louis Michael, born October 22, 1950, and died at birth, and (*d*) Richard Arthur Michael, born October 31, 1952, and died February 17, 1953. They are buried in the Restlawn Cemetery, near Harlingen.

4. Robert Albert, born December 16, 1920. He was educated in Brownsville and attended the University of Texas. He married Juanita Patterson, daughter of John and Oena (Moses) Patterson, January 8, 1942, at Kingsville, Texas. She was born February 18, 1923. Their children are: (*a*) Robert Charles, born December 25, 1943, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, (*b*) Gary Stephen, born March 11, 1949, at Brownsville, and (*c*) William Paul, born August 5, 1953, at Brownsville. Robert A. is a veteran of World War II and is postmaster at Brownsville.

5. Delbert, born August 22, 1926. He was educated in Brownsville and attended the University of Texas, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He married Joyce Charmaine Ekstrand, daughter of Harry Theodore and Ruth Vendla (Graflund) Ekstrand, April 9, 1948, at Washington, D.C. Their children are: (*a*) Cecily Lenore, born July 13, 1949, in Brownsville, and (*b*) Gregory Kirk, born April 2, 1954, in Austin, Texas. Delbert is a veteran of World War II.

JANE RUNYON (1830–1936)

Daughter of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

JANE ("JENNIE") RUNYON was born March 8, 1860, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died February 25, 1936, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. She married Tandy Lewis Ford, son of John and Amanda (Friend) Ford, July 12, 1882, at the residence of her parents near Catlettsburg. Tandy L. was born January 4, 1847, and died July 12, 1927. They are buried in the family reservation in the Catlettsburg cemetery. He owned and operated a well-known grocery store in Catlettsburg. During his life he held many offices of public trust. To this union one child, Julia Celeste, was born September 15, 1885. She married Pete O. Lallance March 18, 1903, at Catlettsburg. He was a steamboat captain and pilot on the Ohio River. He was drowned in an accident February 22, 1942, when the towboat "G. W. McBride" struck a pier and sank in the Ohio River at Newport, Kentucky. He was sixty years old when the accident occurred.

PRICY ANGELINE RUNYON (1862–1934)

Daughter of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

PRICY ANGELINE RUNYON was born March 21, 1862, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died March 25, 1934, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. She married Charles W. Ely, son of William Ely, August 24, 1881, at her parents' residence near Catlettsburg. He was born in 1853 and died January 14, 1912. They are buried in the family reservation in the Catlettsburg Cemetery.

Charles W. was a tinsmith and owned and operated a large factory in Catlettsburg, where he manufactured tin plate. His father, William Ely, was the author of *The Big Sandy Valley, A History of the People and Country* (Catlettsburg, Kentucky, 1887).

Charles W. and Pricy A. (Runyon) Ely were the parents of one child, Eugenia ("Jean") Mitchell, born January 12, 1883, and died October 1, 1888. She is buried near her parents.

HENDERSON MAYNARD RUNYON (1864–1934)

Son of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

Henderson Maynard ("Bud") Runyon was born August 29, 1864, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died January 3, 1934. He married Grace D. Morse, daughter of Arthur F. Morse, April 14, 1887, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. She was born May 21, 1861, and died August 1, 1954. Henderson M. was a timber merchant and served as purchasing agent for several large sawmill operators. He served as a deputy sheriff of Boyd County, Kentucky.

The children of Henderson M. and Grace D. (Morse) Runyon are:

1. Hazel Morse, born June 12, 1889. She married James Oscar Sexton April 30, 1921. They lived in Phoenix, Arizona. James O. died June 20, 1953.

2. Mary Grace ("Mayme"), born February 13, 1892. She married Walker Brooks Pollitt August 7, 1912.

3. Arthur Harold Mitchell, born June 26, 1894. He married Willia Marie Ross, daughter of Allen Ross, May 29, 1930. Arthur H. was engaged in the hardware business in Catlettsburg and is now in the real estate business. They have resided in Catlettsburg and vicinity since their marriage.

4. Eloise Henderson, born November 16, 1897, and died August 28, 1945. She married Floyd Harlan Davis August 22, 1922.

This line of the Mitchell Runyon family spells its surname "Runy*an*."

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SARAH ELLA RUNYON (1867–1919)

Daughter of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

Sarah Ella Runyon was born May 9, 1867, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died August 20, 1919, at Jeffersontown, Kentucky. She married Louis Theodore Hood, son of Charles Hood, October 12, 1887, at her mother's residence

near Catlettsburg. Louis T. was born February 6, 1861, and died November 3, 1946. He was a physician at Princess, Catlettsburg, and later at Ashland, Kentucky. Their children were:

1. Jay Leonard, 1888–1952.
2. Haskell Blaine, born March 10, 1893, and died November 23, 1902, at Catlettsburg, where he is buried.

JAY LEONARD HOOD (1888–1952)

Son of Louis Theodore and Sarah Ella (Runyon) Hood

Jay Leonard Hood was born August 5, 1888, at Princess, Kentucky, and died December 9, 1952, at Coryden, Indiana. He was a railway postal clerk. He married (1st) Pearl Azalia Syck May 1, 1907, at Pikeville, Kentucky. She died March 27, 1923, at Jeffersontown, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Leonard Theodore, born January 29, 1908, at Shelbiana, Kentucky, and died May 16, 1932.
2. Harry K., born January 29, 1908, and died February 5, 1908, at Shelbiana.
3. Harold Taylor, born February 16, 1911, at Ashland, Kentucky. He married Lena Pearl Hagg December 18, 1930, at Louisville, Kentucky. Their children are: (*a*) Leonard Taylor, born February 24, 1933. (*b*) James Robert, born January 20, 1936, at Louisville. (*c*) Mary Joyce, born September 27, 1937.
4. Karl Kenneth, born February 24, 1913, at Ashland. He married Beulah Meredith May 25, 1932, at Louisville. They have one child, Kenneth Nigel, born August 11, 1936, at Louisville.
5. Earl Edward, born July 3, 1916, at Lebanon Junction, Kentucky. He married Ruby Clara Klingelsmith August 21, 1937, at Louisville.
6. Pearl Eloise, born July 3, 1916, at Lebanon Junction. She married Arthur Koch December 21, 1945, at Louisville.

Jay Leonard Hood married (2nd) Dixie Fyfe September 20, 1923, at Shelbyville, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Helen May, born February 21, 1925, at Jeffersontown.
2. Martha Frances, born March 17, 1928, at Louisville.

HIRAM W. RUNYON (1869–1944)

Son of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

Hiram W. ("Hi") Runyon was born November 12, 1869, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died June 15, 1944, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. He married Ann Ola Meade, daughter of John and Amanda Meade, October 6, 1889, at Catlettsburg. Hiram W. lived and died near his father's homestead. He is buried in the Catlettsburg Cemetery. Their children are:

1. Jeanette, born in 1893.She married Alfred H. Peterson November 4, 1912, at Catlettsburg. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1890. He was a son of C. A. and Anna (Lasson) Peterson, both born in Norway. Alfred H. and Jeanette lived in Detroit, Michigan, where Jeanette died.
2. Charles, born March 15, 1895. He married Edith Peterson, sister of Alfred H. Peterson. They lived in Detroit, until the death of Charles. He served in World War I.
3. Herbert, born *circa* 1897.
4. Walter, born *circa* 1900. He married Mabel Pearl Thompson. She died and he married again. Walter's children are: (*a*) Walter, Jr., (*b*) Hiram E., (*c*) Florence, (*d*) Carl, and (*e*) Julia Ann.
5. Alice Esther, born *circa* 1903. She married and had issue. No record available.
6. J. Frank. He lived in Detroit, where he married. He and his wife have children and live at Farmington, Michigan.

CONSTANCE RUNYON (1879–1920)

Daughter of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon

Constance ("Coonie") Runyon was born January 18, 1879, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, and died June 11, 1920, without issue. Constance's name is recorded in Mitchell Runyon's Bible as "Zora Youngus," but she assumed the name Constance in her maidenhood. She married (1st) Linn B. Ely January 16, 1895, at Catlettsburg. After the death of Linn B., she married (2nd) Joseph B. Doughty at Covington, Kentucky. She resided in Cincinnati, Ohio, throughout her life. She is buried in the Covington Cemetery.

ASA HARMAN RUNYON (1831–1915)

Son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Asa Harman Runyon was born July 29, 1831, and died January 2, 1915. He married Sarah ("Sally") Smith, daughter of Isaac Smith, February 13, 1851, in Pike County, Kentucky. She was born March 24, 1829, and died August 28, 1913. They are buried in the Asa H. Runyon burial ground about two miles south of Catlettsburg, Kentucky. He was granted 800 acres of valuable mineral and timber land on Pond Creek, Pike County. He also owned lands which he inherited from his father's estate and which he purchased. He sold most of his land in Pike County and came to Catlettsburg in 1883, where he purchased a large tract of land and remained there until his death. His last will was executed January 1, 1913, and probated January 26, 1915, at Catlettsburg.

The children of Asa H. and Sarah (Smith) Runyon are:

1. W. Jefferson, who married Belle DeBord. They lived near the home of his parents. In later years, he sold his property and went to Alabama, where they settled. Their children are: (*a*) Martin, died young. (*b*) Sally. (*c*) Gertrude. (*d*) Kenneth, who married and lived in Catlettsburg until his death. (*e*) John. (*f*) Albert. (*g*) Asa.
2. Jacob, 1853–94.
3. John ("Big John"), 1854–1920.
4. Nancy Jane, 1858–1946.

5. Thomas P. Martin, born December 7, 1859. He married (1st) Ollie Warman, daughter of Flemming Warman, January 20, 1886, in Boyd County, Kentucky. She was born December 27, 1857, and died July 29, 1896. Their children are: (*a*) John, (*b*) William, (*c*) Ida, and (*d*) Thomas. Ollie is buried by the side of her husband in the Asa H. Runyon burial ground. After the death of Ollie, Thomas P. Martin married (2nd) Nellie Leach. They resided at his old homestead until his death. His last will was probated April 23, 1935, at Catlettsburg.

6. Lizzie, born *circa* 1861, died young.

7. James Mitchell, died young.

8. Sarah, born in 1866. She married (1st) Thompson Charles May 23, 1881, at Logan, West Virginia, and (2nd) John Cox October 16, 1884, at Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky. They resided on Chadwick's Creek, Boyd County, Kentucky.

9. Emily ("Emma"), born May 12, 1869, and died January 4, 1954. She married William ("Billy") Blackburn January 1, 1884, at Logan. They resided near her parents, not far from Catlettsburg. William died in February, 1936, at the age of sixty-seven years. They had nine children: (*a*) Victoria, married Arch Peelman. (*b*) Asa, married Grace May. (*c*) John, married Belle Alley. (*d*) Geneve, married Pete Hewlett. (*e*) Forest, married Amy Cox. (*f*) Dorsia, married Earl Adams. (*g*) Goldie, married Thomas Meade. (*h*) Anna Belle, married Ernest Johnson. (*i*) Willia May, married Henry Deskins.

10. Columbus, born in 1873, died young.

JACOB RUNYON (1853–94)

Son of Asa H. and Sarah (Smith) Runyon

Jacob Runyon was born in 1853 in Pike County, Kentucky. He married Sarah ("Sally") Lowe August 21, 1873. Jacob was a peace officer in Pike County, and in 1894, while making an arrest upon a warrant, was killed by Johnse West.

The children of Jacob and Sarah (Lowe) Runyon are:

1. Emzy, born May 7, 1874, and died July 19, 1909. He married Pricy Ball, daughter of Moses Ball, Jr., February 27, 1896, and had issue.

2. Launa, born February 11, 1875. She married William A. May, son of James H. May, August 22, 1895, and had issue.

3. Don, born May 24, 1877, and died April 17, 1954. He married Agnes Dials March 23, 1903, and had issue.

4. Asa H., born March 17, 1878, and died in 1908. Unmarried.

5. Dolly, born January 19, 1880, and died in 1908. She married John Caldwell of Catlettsburg and had issue.

6. Fanny A., born January 6, 1882, and died in 1905. Unmarried.

7. Grover C., born February 22, 1885. He is married and resides in San Diego, California.

8. Rosa Belle, born April 17, 1887. She married Abner May, attorney-at-law. They reside on Runyon Branch, Pike County.

9. Joseph, born in 1888, and died from accidental burns in 1889.

10. Matilda, born December 25, 1890, and died in 1909. She married Randall Crigger of Big Creek, Pike County, and had issue.

11. Jacob, Jr., 1893–.

JACOB RUNYON, JR. (1893–)

Son of Jacob and Sarah (Lowe) Runyon

Jacob Runyon, Jr., was born April 23, 1893, in Pike County, Kentucky. He married Sarah B. Sparks, daughter of R. L. and Jane Sparks. She was born August 13, 1897. They reside on Runyon Branch, Pike County. Their children are:

1. Viola Mae, born February 27, 1914. She married Walter A. Daniels and they reside at McAndrews, Kentucky.

2. Ruby Marie, born June 22, 1918.

3. Winter Green, born August 1, 1920, and died in service during World War II.

4. Walter Harold, born February 4, 1922.

5. Grover C., born March 19, 1924.

6. Sally Jane, born December 7, 1926.

7. Lillian T., born July 25, 1928. She married Trap Fowler, Jr.

JOHN RUNYON (1854–1920)

Son of Asa H. and Sarah (Smith) Runyon

John ("Big John") Runyon was born May 4, 1854, and died November 25, 1920, at the family homestead on Runyon Branch, Pike County. He married Nancy Jane Scott June 7, 1881. She was born April 20, 1863, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died February 13, 1929. Their children are:

1. Kennie, born March 5, 1882, and died in September, 1924. He married Jennie Ball, daughter of George Ball, Jr., January 13, 1906.

2. Cleveland C., born June 17, 1885, and died November 11, 1920. He married Louisa Hunt, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Runyon) Hunt. Jane was a daughter of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon.

3. Ballard W., born November 13, 1887, and died in February, 1945. He married Lydia Ramey, daughter of Joseph and Caroline Ramey.

4. Minnie, born January 11, 1890. She married Joseph May, son of Adron May, Sr.

5. Leonard, born June 18, 1892. He married (1st) Hattie Bevins and (2nd) Maggie Lee Scott.

6. Day, born January 5, 1894. She married Jessie J. Philips of Johns Creek, son of Frank Philips.

7. Dixie, born April 1, 1896, and died May 29, 1940. She married Alfred May, son of B. May of Big Creek, Pike County.

8. Goodie, born May 14, 1898, and died September 15, 1899.

9. Rosella, born April 13, 1902, and died September 2, 1902.

10. Charles ("Charlie"), born August 25, 1906. He married Leona C. White March 21, 1950.

NANCY JANE RUNYON (1858–1946)

Daughter of Asa H. and Sarah (Smith) Runyon

Nancy Jane Runyon was born February 6, 1858, and died January 3, 1946. She married (1st) Floyd Scott at the residence of her parents in Pike County, Kentucky, March 17, 1881, and later married (2nd) Robert Sparks, Sr. The children of Floyd and Nancy Jane (Runyon) Scott are:

1. Kennie M., born March 31, 1882. He married Sarah Sparks and had issue.

2. Dovie, born January 6, 1884. She married T. G. Tackett and had issue. They reside in Huntington, West Virginia.

3. Freeland, born December 10, 1886. He married Vicy Wolford and had issue. They reside at Hardy, Kentucky.

4. Bertha, born January 10, 1888. She married (1st) Mack Rutherford and (2nd) J. H. Dickerson. Bertha and her husband reside in Huntington.

5. Millard, born February 14, 1890, and died May 2, 1937. He married Lena Pauley and had issue.

6. Emma, born August 7, 1902, and died August 27, 1902.

The children of Robert and Nancy Jane (Runyon) Sparks are: (1) Robert, Jr. (2) Sarah B., born August 13, 1897. (3) Asa. (4) Erva. (5) Doshia.

JOHN COMPTON RUNYON (1833–1915)

Son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

John Compton Runyon was born March 8, 1833, and died August 28, 1915. He married (1st) Arena ("Reenie") Bevins, daughter of Joseph Bevins, August 5, 1852, in Pike County, Kentucky. She was born October 6, 1836, and died

August 24, 1893. They lived on Pond Creek, Pike County, and both are buried on the hill opposite the mouth of Mudlick Fork of Pond Creek. After the death of Arena, John Compton married (2nd) Laura Maynard September 28, 1894, at Logan, West Virginia.

The children of John Compton and Arena (Bevins) Runyon are:

1. James T., born November 22, 1854, and died January 27, 1855.
2. Joseph Adron, 1857–1922.
3. Thomas J., 1860–1926.
4. William A., 1862–1912.
5. John W., 1865–1932.
6. Madison, 1869–1936.
7. Albert, 1873–1914.
8. Hibbard, born April 29, 1878. He married Rebecca J. Bevins November 8, 1894. She resides in Roanoke, Virginia. It is not known by Hibbard's relatives whether he is living or dead. He left Pond Creek many years ago.

John Compton and Laura (Maynard) Runyon had one son, Robert LeRoy, born October 6, 1897. He is married and resides at Logan.

JOSEPH ADRON RUNYON (1857–1922)

Son of John Compton and Arena (Bevins) Runyon

Joseph Adron Runyon was born May 5, 1857, and died May 22, 1922. He married Columbia Hatfield September 4, 1872, in Pike County, Kentucky. She was born April 16, 1858, and died July 23, 1948. They are buried side by side in the Ransom Hatfield Cemetery, south of Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Columbia's mother is a sister of Margaret (Taylor) Runyon, wife of Mitchell Runyon, who was the eldest son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon. Their children are:

1. Ira, 1874–1935.
2. Cora Angeline, 1876–1917.
3. Amos, 1881–.

4. William T., 1884–1917.
5. John Ransom, 1887–.
6. Greeley L., 1893–1921.

IRA RUNYON (1874–1935)

Son of Joseph A. and Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon

Ira Runyon was born September 6, 1874, and died September 18, 1935. He married Judy Ball, daughter of George Ball, December 17, 1891. She was born July 23, 1873, and died November 15, 1953 in Michigan and is buried at Stone, Pike County, Kentucky. Ira is buried in the Taylor Cemetery at Stone. He was a member of the Pike County Board of Education at the time of his death. Their children are:

1. Louisa, 1892–.
2. William Boger, born June 14, 1894, and died July 19, 1913. Unmarried.
3. Joseph A., born January 6, 1896. He married Trudie Williamson October 20, 1916, at the residence of his parents in Pike County.
4. Columbia, born October 30, 1898. She married (1st) W. J. Hatfield, Jr., and (2) Noah Mullins.
5. George D., 1900–.
6. Lawrence, born August 7, 1902. He married Dixie Varney, and they reside at Welch, West Virginia.
7. Troy, born February 27, 1905, and died October 21, 1929. He married Grace Whit and they have one son and one daughter.
8. Virgil, born April 4, 1907. He married Louise Kimball.
9. Mazie, born June 14, 1909. She married William Charles, and they reside in Detroit, Michigan.
10. Amos, born November 12, 1911. He married Ethel Burnett in August, 1930, and they reside in Detroit, Michigan.
11. Woodrow W., born January 17, 1914. He married Annis Farley, and they reside in Pikeville, Kentucky. They have two sons and one daughter.

LOUISA RUNYON (1892–)

Daughter of Ira and Judy (Ball) Runyon

Louisa Runyon was born October 8, 1892. She married Boyd W. Hatfield May 30, 1910, and they reside at Pinson Fork, Pike County, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Esta, born March 5, 1911, and died September 20, 1911.
2. Emerson, born February 1, 1913, and died May 5, 1937. He married Gardner Hatfield, and they have one son and one daughter.
3. Elmer, born September 3, 1916. He married (1st) Lassie Staton and (2nd) Mary Dolores Esquirio.
4. Ermal, born August 4, 1918. He married Naomi Stinett, and they reside at Huntington, West Virginia, and have issue.
5. Boyd W., Jr., born April 19, 1922. He married (1st) Louise Farley and (2nd) Lucille Hunning. They have issue and reside in Huntington.
6. Mazie Geraldine, born March 28, 1924. She married (1st) Harkless Pack, Jr., and (2nd) James A. Ursery. They reside in Detroit, Michigan.
7. Mildred, born January 15, 1928. She married Robert Varney and has issue. They reside at Pinson Fork, Pike County.

GEORGE D. RUNYON (1900–)

Son of Ira and Judy (Ball) Runyon

George D. Runyon was born April 6, 1900. He married Polly Hatfield, daughter of George W. Hatfield of Blackberry Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. William, born November 28, 1919. He married Martha Thiliman March 7, 1941, and they reside at Rising Sun, Maryland.
2. Ancie, born April 21, 1921, and died August 9, 1942, while serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II.
3. George, Jr., born February 4, 1923. He married Doris

Eileen Wigsu January 25, 1950, and they reside in Washington, D.C.

4. Pauline, born December 27, 1925. She married Andrew Jackson Hensley April 22, 1944, and they reside at Belfry, Kentucky.

5. Emogene, born October 19, 1927. She married Russell Anderson February 1, 1947, and they reside at South Williamson, Kentucky.

6. Fairisene, born June 26, 1929. She married Lloyd Harman February 1, 1948, and they reside in South Williamson, Kentucky.

7. Ivadene, born February 28, 1931. Unmarried.

8. Lorene, born May 24, 1933. Unmarried.

9. Ira, born August 11, 1935. Unmarried.

CORA ANGELINE RUNYON (1876–1917)

Daughter of Joseph A. and Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon

Cora Angeline Runyon was born September 24, 1876, and died May 7, 1917. She married (1st) Jarred Stiltner March 26, 1891, and (2nd) Henry C. Smith November 16, 1895. She is buried in the Pinson Cemetery, on Road Fork of Big Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. The children of Henry C. and Cora Angeline (Runyon) Smith are:

1. Isabella, born in 1897, and died *circa* 1920.

2. Garner, born March 12, 1903. He married (1st) Sally Chapman, (2nd) Emily Lucile Smith, and (3rd) Roberta Noland (Nolen?). Garner and his wife reside in Cloverdale, California, where they recently moved from Eugene, Oregon.

3. Gobel, born September 23, 1905. He married Verna Bogar, and they reside at Road Fork.

4. Carrie, no further record.

5. Fannie, born June 8, 1907. She married Oscar King, and they reside on Johns Creek, at Meta, Pike County.

6. Hazard, born January 6, 1912. He married (1st) Ethel

Jordan and (2nd) Helen (surname unknown), and they reside at Richwood, West Virginia.

7. Bessie, born April 10, 1914. She married John Edwards, and they reside in San Francisco, California.

AMOS RUNYON (1881–)

Son of Joseph A. and Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon

Amos Runyon was born May 29, 1881, at McVeigh, Pike County, Kentucky. He married Fannie J. Runyon, daughter of Orison P. and Pricy Mims (Lowe) Runyon, April 11, 1901, at Williamson, West Virginia. Fannie J. was born September 7, 1882. They reside near Belfry, Kentucky.

Brief biographies of Amos are found in *Who's Who in Kentucky,* and in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest.* He is also mentioned in the *Journal* of the House of Representatives of the State of Kentucky, where he served as representative from Pike County, from 1944 to 1954. Their children are:

1. Claude, born June 8, 1902. He married Virginia Bailey. Their children are: (*a*) Barbara Jo, born June 20, 1932. She is a graduate of Belfry High School and Pikeville College. (*b*) Claudette, born June 25, 1935. (*c*) Lynn Bailey, born May 7, 1941. (*d*) Karen Ernestine, born December 1, 1943. They reside on Pond Creek, near Belfry.

2. Clyde, born July 24, 1906. He married Eunice Smith, daughter of Orison Smith of Canada, Kentucky. She is a teacher in Belfry High School. They reside on Pond Creek and have one son, Robert Smith, born June 13, 1939.

3. Roy Wilson, born July 7, 1912. He married Flossie Blackburn of Canada. Roy W. is a veteran of World War II. Their children are: (*a*) Larry Bruce, born March 25, 1943. (*b*) Dannie Gerald, born January 22, 1947. (*c*) James Amos, born May 22, 1950.

4. Ernest Clifton, born August 27, 1918. He married Sadie Reed Smith. Ernest C. is a World War II veteran and is postmaster at Belfry, where he resides.

WILLIAM THOMAS RUNYON (1884–1917)

Son of Joseph A. and Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon

William Thomas Runyon was born January 28, 1884, and died August 10, 1917. He is buried in the Ransom Hatfield Cemetery near Catlettsburg, Kentucky. William T. married Carrie Bauer February 8, 1905, at Williamson, West Virginia. She was born in Scioto County, Ohio, and now resides in Montana. Their children are:

1. Wilhelmina Blanche, born in July, 1906, and died in 1906. She is buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Williamson.
2. Emerson Randolph, born in 1908. He married Betty Slater of Seattle, Washington, and they have one daughter. Emerson R. has served in the U.S. Navy for more than twenty-five years and is now a lieutenant.
3. Louise, married E. G. Swanson. They reside at St. Louis Park, Minnesota and have issue.
4. Ruth, married George Woods. They reside at Seattle and have issue.

JOHN RANSOM RUNYON (1887–)

Son of Joseph A. and Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon

John Ransom Runyon was born June 24, 1887, at McVeigh, Kentucky. He married (1st) Pearlie Church, daughter of Lewis Church, September 21, 1910, (2nd) Monnie Hall, and (3rd) Ella Belle Collins, and they reside at Ironton, Ohio. Monnie Hall was born July 12, 1900, and died March 30, 1927. She is buried in the Ransom Hatfield Cemetery near Catlettsburg, Kentucky. John R. owns and operates a watchmaking business in Russell, Kentucky. The children of John R. and Monnie (Hall) Runyon are:

1. Edna Ruth, married Clyde Stanley and lived near Wheelersburg, Ohio, where she died and is buried.
2. Ira Ward, born April 10, 1921. He married Clara Mae Knox, daughter of Russell and Emma (Heaberlin) Knox, at Ironton May 12, 1946. Ira W. is a veteran of World War II. They reside at Eau Gallie, Florida, and have three children:

(*a*) Ira Alden, born June 12, 1947. (*b*) Donna Carlene, born June 6, 1948. (*c*) Kevin Ward, born August 13, 1949.

3. Julius Clifton, born February 13, 1923, at Catlettsburg. He married Charlotte Keaton, daughter of Elder Julius Keaton of Huntington, West Virginia, May 25, 1945. Julius C. is a veteran of World War II. They reside at Huntington. Their children are: (*a*) Mary E., born February 24, 1946. (*b*) Michael L., born February 15, 1947. (*c*) John H. born September 23, 1952.

GREELEY L. RUNYON (1893–1921)

Son of Joseph A. and Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon

Greeley L. Runyon was born September 4, 1893, at McVeigh, Kentucky, and died October 28, 1921. He is buried in the Ransom Hatfield Cemetery near Catlettsburg, Kentucky, where he lived. He married (1st) Melda Lawson February 8, 1913. To this union two children were born: (1) Ermal, who is dead, and (2) Joseph, who is known as Joseph Beckett, having taken the name of his mother's second husband after the death of his father. Greely Runyon married (2nd) Josie Chambers. Their children are:

1. Garnet Charlene, born May 5, 1918. She married Francis Marion Vincent May 19, 1936, at Grayson, Carter County, Kentucky. Francis M. was born April 9, 1910. They reside in Atlanta, Georgia, and they have one child, Lawrence Frank, born January 18, 1939.

2. William T., born November 6, 1920. He married Betty Jane Salyers, daughter of Edward Carroll and Clotine Lenore (Belcher) Salyers, May 20, 1942, at Ashland. Their children are: (*a*) Jonella Rae, born August 20, 1943. (*b*) William T., Jr., born July 29, 1944. (*c*) Charles Edward, born August 20, 1945.

THOMAS J. RUNYON (1860–1926)

Son of John Compton and Arena (Bevins) Runyon

Thomas J. Runyon was born May 6, 1860, and died April 14, 1926. He married Victoria Charles, daughter of H. G. Charles, November 7, 1878. They are buried in the Coeburn Point Cemetery on Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. Thomas J. was elected and served a term as assessor (now tax commissioner) of Pike County. Their children are:

1. Geneva, born in 1879. She married John W. Taylor of Pond Creek April 15, 1896, at Williamson, West Virginia. To this union three sons were born: (*a*) Thomas J., deceased. (*b*) Truman, deceased. (*c*) Lacy. Geneva moved to Montana where she died and is buried.

2. Rora, born *circa* 1900. He is married.

3. Jeanette, born *circa* 1902. She is married and resides in Montana.

WILLIAM ANDERSON RUNYON (1862–1912)

Son of John Compton and Arena (Bevins) Runyon

William Anderson Runyon was born October 9, 1862, and died January 9, 1912. He married Lavada Smith April 22, 1886, in Pike County, Kentucky. Both are buried on a point opposite the mouth of Sandlick Branch of Pond Creek, near Belfry, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Fannie, born April 26, 1887. She married Robert C. Akers, and their children are: (*a*) Evelyn Nevada, born October 14, 1909. (*b*) Virginia Phyllis, born November 8, 1913. (*c*) Kathleen Elizabeth, born October 12, 1914. (*d*) Robert Grayson, born January 23, 1921. All the children are living except Evelyn, who died September 29, 1922. Fannie resides in Roanoke, Virginia.

2. Minnie, born August 10, 1888. She married C. M. Winfrey, and their children are: (*a*) Hubert P., born July 12, 1910. (*b*) Jetty Hortez, born March 17, 1913. Minnie resides in Bluefield, West Virginia.

3. Virginia, born August 28, 1891. She married (1st) Rufus Akers and (2nd) Cyril Agee. No issue. She lives in Washington, D.C.

JOHN W. RUNYON (1865–1932)

Son of John Compton and Arena (Bevins) Runyon

JOHN W. RUNYON was born January 24, 1865, and died June 18, 1932. He married Nancy Ann Farley, daughter of William A. Farley, December 13, 1883. She was born February 1, 1870, and died January 25, 1935. They are buried on a point at the upper end of the John W. Runyon farm at Toler, Pike County, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Mary V., born July 8, 1888. She married William H. Hankins February 23, 1911, at her parents' residence at Toler. They reside on Pond Creek and have children.

2. Minnie J., born September 24, 1890. She is not married and resides at the family homestead at Toler.

3. Reene V., born August 19, 1891, and died December 30, 1923. She married William Oney July 22, 1914, at her parents' residence.

4. Thomas Hibbard, born September 29, 1893. He married Neva Turner September 28, 1921. They have one son, Billy Thomas, now serving in the U.S. Air Force. Thomas H. and Neva reside in Roanoke, Virginia.

5. Emma B., born April 28, 1897, and died January 13, 1898.

6. William J. B., born August 22, 1898. He married (1st) Ethel Williams August 22, 1917. Their children are: (*a*) Clifford, born July 4, 1918. (*b*) Cleontine, born November 23, 1919. He married (2nd) Mabel Burton August 25, 1925, and their children are: (*a*) Jennings, born in 1926, and died in 1927. (*b*) Ramona, born December 12, 1928. He married (3rd) Esther Lutes, and they have one child, Deanna, born April 7, 1938. Esther is a teacher in the schools at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and is the author of a story-book for children.

7. Lydia E., born February 20, 1900, and died July 21, 1900.

8. Zona, born April 1, 1901. She married W. G. ("Doc") Bailey December 25, 1925. They have two daughters: (*a*) Marvis, married Thomas O'Neal, and they reside in North

Carolina. (*b*) June, married Ronald Bradley. She is a teacher in Belfry High School, Belfry, Kentucky.

9. Ida May, born April 14, 1904, and died August 7, 1904.

MADISON RUNYON (1869–1936)

Son of John Compton and Arena (Bevins) Runyon

MADISON RUNYON was born July 26, 1869, and died June 25, 1936. He married (1st) Florence Ferrell March 9, 1889, and (2nd) Mary Jane Murphy January 23, 1892. Madison was killed by a train near Portsmouth, Ohio, while crossing a railroad track. He is buried in the Murphy Cemetery beside his wife, Mary Jane, who died before Madison. The children of Madison and Mary Jane (Murphy) Runyon are:

1. Boger, born January 1, 1893, and died nine months later.

2. Arena ("Reene"), born December 30, 1893. She married Alfred Ruby April 23, 1914. He was born September 20, 1894. They reside near Lucasville, Ohio. Their children are: (*a*) Paul, born April 9, 1915. He married Chloe Woods September 28, 1946. She was born July 22, 1925. They have one child, Kenneth Paul, born February 14, 1951. (*b*) Erma Mae, born March 5, 1916. She married Eugene A. Hartman September 19, 1934. They have four children: (*aa*) Rose Ella, born January 11, 1939. (*bb*) Buddie, born June 2, 1940. (*cc*) Tona Jean, born November 16, 1944. (*dd*) Stephen Lane, born April 10, 1948, and died July 5, 1951. (*c*) Dennis A., born February 28, 1918. He married Pauline Wright March 31, 1938. She was born January 29, 1920. They have five children: (*aa*) Sally R., born September 20, 1938. (*bb*) Jerry W., born April 9, 1940. (*cc*) Bennie L., born September 19, 1941. (*dd*) Betty L., born July 27, 1944. (*ee*) Michael A., born December 14, 1948. (*d*) Charles R., born December 17, 1919. He married Mildred Spencer, who was born November 12, 1921. They have two children: (*aa*) Carl Jean, born December 29, 1946. (*bb*) Eddie, born August 25, 1948. (*e*) Arthur W., born September 19, 1921. He married Norma Jean Welton, who was born April 4, 1926.

They have two children: (*aa*) Linda Sue, born December 5, 1945. (*bb*) Sandra Kay, born January 29, 1947.

3. Bertha, born February 28, 1895. She married Earl Isaac Ruby April 22, 1914. He was born April 23, 1888. They have five children: (*a*) Earl Raymond, born November 21, 1914. He married Elise Mae Ruby, who was born April 16, 1916, in 1936. They have four children: (*aa*) Thelma Jean, born September 28, 1937. (*bb*) Lola Evelyn, born December 17, 1938. (*cc*) Jacky Dean, born May 1, 1940. (*dd*) Tony, born March 4, 1943. (*b*) Vernon, born May 18, 1920, and died September 20, 1945, while in service during World War II. He married Marjorie Metsyer June 20, 1937, and they had three children: (*aa*) Dema Jean, born March 7, 1941. (*bb*) Carolyn Ann, born October 31, 1942. (*cc*) Verna Lee, born December 9, 1944. (*c*) G.R., born July 4, 1923. (*d*) Doris, born August 25, 1925. She married Howard Belmore August 31, 1944. They have three children: (*aa*) Linda, born June 9, 1945. (*bb*) Constance, born July 22, 1949. (*cc*) Harold, born December 23, 1950. (*e*) Earl, Jr., born July 29, 1927.

4. Louisa ("Louise"), born June 7, 1896. She married Grover Cleveland Doss. Their children are: (*a*) Emogene, married Kay Boggs. (*b*) Herbert, born June 3, 1913. He married Evalina (surname unknown). (*c*) Johnny Hurstle, born November 9, 1914. He married Florence (surname unknown). (*d*) Harry Robert, born September 1, 1916. He married Emogene (surname unknown), who is deceased. (*e*) Willie Ray, born October 10, 1918. He married Tasma (surname unknown). (*f*) Minnie Ruth, born April 25, 1921. She married Robert Edward Parsons.

5. Jonah, born December 30, 1900. He married Dixie Burke, and their children are: (*a*) Mary Jane, married a Mr. Wiley. (*b*) Minnie, born May 31, 1925, married James L. Steele, who was born March 26, 1918. They have four children: (*aa*) Wanda Jean, born October 4, 1942. (*bb*) Nancy Jane, born August 16, 1944. (*cc*) Lonnie Everett, born October 23, 1948. (*dd*) Linda Sue, born March 2, 1951. (*c*) William. (*d*) Dorothy, born July 31, 1932. She

married Jack Smith, and they have one child, Jerry Lee, born April 4, 1953. (*e*) Johnny. (*f*) Charlene. (*g*) Richard. (*h*) Stephen. (*i*) Henry.

6. Minnie V., born June 16, 1898. She married Delver Seth March 31, 1919. Their children are: (*a*) Bernard Wesley, born April 1, 1921. He married Doris Mae Herles in September, 1945. She was born July 24, 1927. They have three children: (*aa*) Linda Faye, born August 4, 1946. (*bb*) David Ray, born August 27, 1948. (*cc*) Roger Madison Seth, born May 28, 1952. (*b*) Gilbert Eugene, born September 18, 1923. He married Evelyn LeMaster in August, 1946, and they have three children: (*aa*) Charles Michael, born January 2, 1949. (*bb*) Richard Leon, born October 6, 1950. (*cc*) Anthony Wayne Seth, born February 11, 1951. (*c*) Charles James, born January 23, 1925, and died in November, 1949. He married Betty Ann Frye in June, 1948. She was born in June, 1928. (*d*) Betty Lou, born May 19, 1929. She married Herbert Franklin, who was born May 22, 1931.

7. Ida, born August 17, 1906. She married (1st) Eugene Gardner Loughon, who was born October 26, 1909. They had one child, Barbara Jean, born September 28, 1932. Ida married (2nd) Bobby Lee Terry, who was born February 7, 1930. They reside in Virginia and have two children: (*a*) Barry Lee, born July 7, 1950. (*b*) Byron Lane, born November 13, 1952.

8. Alton B. Parker, born in 1904 and died in November, 1906.

9. Floyd, born June 12, 1909. He married Ruth Jeffords in April, 1932. She was born January 2, 1915. They reside near Portsmouth, Ohio.

10. Nancy Ann ("Aggie"), born February 7, 1910. She married Herman Dahlstedt, who was born April 2, 1914. They have two children: (*a*) Judy, born May 29, 1948. (*b*) Charles V., born February 15, 1949, and died March 10, 1949.

11. Silas E., born in 1913. He married Anna Mae Steele December 10, 1941. They reside near Lucasville, Ohio, and have five children: (*a*) Robert Norman, born December 23,

1942. (*b*) James Madison, born March 18, 1945. (*c*) Silas Edward, Jr., (*d*) Ollie Jane. (*e*) George Dewey. The last three children were triplets, born February 15, 1947.

12. Charles, born December 20, 1916. He married Jacqualine Stephens January 28, 1946. She was born November 28, 1929. They have one child, Denise Ann, born September 8, 1952. Charles served in the armed forces during World War II.

13. James Victor, born November 21, 1919. He married Sibbie Marie Wright, who was born February 11, 1924. Their children are: (*a*) Anna Ruth, born February 18, 1942. (*b*) Vickie Sue, born March 4, 1949. They reside in Ohio.

ALBERT RUNYON (1873–1914)

Son of John Compton and Arena (Bevins) Runyon

ALBERT RUNYON was born November 5, 1873, and died October 22, 1914. He married Geneva Arveline Charles August 6, 1891. She was born April 17, 1876, and died July 14, 1946. They lived, died, and are buried on Pond Creek near their home in Pike County, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Grover Cleveland, born December 10, 1893, and died March 15, 1955. He married Jennie May, daughter of ("Little") Jeff May of Pond Creek, and they have one child, Walker, born February 11, 1916. He married Verna Chapman.

2. Frederick ("Fred"), born December 9, 1895. He married (1st) Arminda May, (2nd) Gypsy Robinson, and (3rd) Alta Smith. Children by Arminda May are: (*a*) Ray Elmer, born October 24, 1913. He married Doris Mullins, and they had one child, Yvonne, born July 2, 1935. She married Ralph Boger, and they have one child, Debra Kay, born April 17, 1952.

(*b*) Walter Gardner, born January 5, 1915. He married Eunice Wheeler. No issue.

(*c*) Eloise, born January 27, 1916. She married (1st) Hiram Smith, and they had one child, Bonny Loraine, born

January 6, 1935. Eloise married (2nd) Amos Harrison, and they have one child, Billy Lee, born July 13, 1940.

(*d*) Lerla, born July 22, 1917, and died November 24, 1950. She married Jennings Ramey, and they have four children: (*aa*) Jennings Lawrence, born November 12, 1936. (*bb*) Donald Eugene, born October 16, 1938. (*cc*) Glenn Everett, born February 6, 1940. (*dd*) Larry Edward, born August 23, 1944.

(*e*) Edward Michael, born November 7, 1919. He married Mary Frances Blackburn. No issue.

(*f*) Matilda Jane, born July 4, 1922. She married (1st) Ralph St. Clair, and they had one child, Saundra Sue, born in December, 1945. Matilda Jane married (2nd) Walter Reedy, and they have one child, John Lawrence, born October 20, 1948.

3. Victoria Angeline, born June 13, 1898. She married Landon ("Dan") McCoy, who died in 1953. They had three children: (*a*) Ruby Ola, born May 7, 1916. She married Charles Gott, of Williamson, West Virginia, and they have one child, Peggy Sue, born February 22, 1944. (*b*) Charles Clifford, born June 3, 1918. He married Juanita Perry. (*c*) Ruth A., born June 15, 1925. She married Charles Morrison, and they have one child, Vickie Ann, born July 21, 1950.

4. Boger, born September 6, 1900, and died October 4, 1948. He married (1st) Hazel Huffman and (2nd) Manda May, and they had four children: (*a*) Geneva, born September 17, 1939. (*b*) Albert, born September 29, 1941. (*c*) Daniel, born July 6, 1944. (*d*) Frederick Lee, born August 29, 1947.

5. Grace, born August 9, 1902. She married (1st) Walter Tackett, and they had two children: (*a*) James Albert, born January 5, 1918. He married Logene Matney, and they have three children: (*aa*) James Albert, Jr., born September 17, 1947. (*bb*) Walter Frederick, born December 22, 1948. (*cc*) Charles Gregory, born January 24, 19?. (*b*) Helen Margarette, born November 23, 1919. She married (1st) Allyn Phillips. They have two children: (*aa*) James Allyn, born June 17, 1942. (*bb*) William Edward, born August 9, 1943.

Helen Margarette married (2nd) F. R. Copper. No issue. Grace married (2nd) William Phillips. No issue.

6. Arietta Murdock, born December 4, 1911. She married Edward Hopkins, and they have one child, Neva Belle, born April 21, 1934.

ARMENDA RUNYON (1834–1918)

Daughter of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Armenda Runyon was born November 1, 1834, and died October 11, 1918. She married Lawyer T. Lowe, son of Orison Lowe, of Virginia, January 25, 1855. He was born September 18, 1830, and died March 10, 1928. The children of Lawyer T. and Armenda (Runyon) Lowe were:

1. Jane, born November 13, 1855. She married Marion Stepp August 28, 1873.

2. Elizabeth, born February 21, 1857. She married John B. Leslie December 27, 1876.

3. Parmelia E., born March 8, 1859. She married John W. Boger March 27, 1882.

4. Adron R., born September 18, 1861, and died April 17, 1935. He married Elizabeth E. Williamson August 21, 1879, in Pike County, Kentucky. To this union four children were born: (*a*) Alson T., born January 16, 1882. He married Sarah Ann Blackburn December 13, 1900. (*b*) William, born February 24, 1890, and died July 9, 1890. (*c*) Emzy B., born March 7, 1894. He married Fonnie Patterson. (*d*) King York, born May 31, 1901. He married Edna Meade December 24, 1923.

5. Charity, born May 17, 1864, and died in May, 1945. She married James M. Pinson February 2, 1882.

6. Levicy ("Vicy") L., was born December 30, 1866, and died in 1951. She married Joseph A. Taylor April 28, 1887.

7. Orison P., born March 14, 1870. He married Julia A. Scott January 30, 1889.

8. John B., born June 28, 1879. He married Minnie Burris December 12, 1900.

LOUISE RUNYON (1836–94)

Daughter of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Louise ("Levisa") Runyon was born April 10, 1836, and died November 3, 1894. She married John Rutherford March 17, 1853. He was born January 27, 1836, and died June 6, 1926. They are buried in the Varney Cemetery on Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. Their children were:

1. Anderson, born March 31, 1854, and died September 24, 1928. He married Esther Hatfield, daughter of Ransom and Levicy (Taylor) Hatfield, August 31, 1871. She was born April 30, 1857, and died January 6, 1909. Esther is a sister of Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon. Esther is buried near her mother-in-law in the Varney Cemetery on Pond Creek.
2. Jane, born April 30, 1856. She married John Hatfield March 20, 1875.
3. Polly, born March 27, 1858, and died October 21, 1894. She married Alexander Murphy April 15, 1875. He was born February 15, 1846.
4. Floyd, born November 1, 1862, and died April 9, 1891. He married Jennie Blackburn May 24, 1883.
5. Parlee, 1868–1944.
6. Pricy, born October 17, 1872, and died November 5, 1872.
7. Roland, born October 9, 1874, and died August 28, 1896. He married Alice Farley August 2, 1894. She was born in 1878.

PARLEE RUTHERFORD (1868–1944)

Daughter of John and Louise (Runyon) Rutherford

Parlee Rutherford was born August 29, 1868, and died January 6, 1944. She married W. G. W. Riddle January 8, 1891. Their children are:

1. Hatler, born October 15, 1891. He married Esta Varney, daughter of John Varney, of Pond Creek, and they reside at Williamson, West Virginia.

2. Bertel, born February 9, 1893. He resides at Narrows, Virginia.

3. Emmet, born November 11, 1894, and died January 11, 1896.

4. Pearl, born April 18, 1896. She married Aden Brown. They reside in West Virginia.

5. Eula, born April 27, 1898. She married Raleigh Tabor, and they reside at Falls Mills, Virginia.

6. Bernard Riddle, born October 15, 1900. He married Nina Albright, and they reside at Brodhead, Kentucky.

7. Emerson, born September 3, 1902.

8. Ernest, born March 4, 1904. He married Emmalee Hanner, and they reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

9. Gladys, born December 24, 1905. She married Claude Murphy.

10. Lola, born March 13, 1907. She married Thomas ("Tommy") Maynard, and they reside at Pikeville, Kentucky.

11. Cullen, born July 25, 1908. He resides in Virginia.

12. Lassie, born October 10, 1909, and died April 13, 1952. She married Millard Boggs.

13. Infant son was born May 17, 1913, and died at birth.

Data contributed by Hatler Riddle.

MARY RUNYON (1839–1920)

Daughter of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Mary ("Polly") Runyon was born January 25, 1839, and died March 15, 1920. She married Anderson Hatfield August 2, 1855. He was born September 25, 1835, and died March 6, 1920. Their children are:

1. Jane, born July 10, 1856. She married Eperson S. Scott September 7, 1871.

2. Nancy, born May 1, 1858. She married Asa McCoy September 23, 1875.

3. George W., born October 19, 1860. He married Martha Hatfield March 21, 1878.

4. Adron, born January 13, 1863, and died January 25, 1925. He married Jennie Miller December 4, 1884.

5. Pricy, born May 11, 1865, and died in 1921. She married Benjamin W. Alley November 11, 1886.

6. Levicy ("Vicy"), born March 9, 1868; died December 1, 1945. She married Abner E. Justice December 25, 1889.

7. Leah A., born March 11, 1870, died in 1945. She married James E. Dotson May 18, 1893.

8. Reene, born April 9, 1872, and died July 6, 1909. She married George Alley.

9. William Jefferson born July 30, 1874. He married Polly M. Runyon, daughter of Thomas W. and Parmelia Emeriah (Lowe) Runyon.

10. Sally, born August 11, 1876. She married Elias Dotson.

11. Anderson, Jr., born May 6, 1878, died March 19, 1926. He married (1st) Melissa Alley and (2nd) Hester Elswick.

12. Robert ("Bob"), born December 8, 1878. He married Lydia Alley.

13. Ransom, born October 9, 1881. He married (1st) Dixie Scott September 26, 1901, and (2nd) Alice Hatfield.

14. Polly ("Sissy"), born March 24, 1884. She married Julius Scott December 6, 1900.

ELIZABETH RUNYON (1841–1928)

Daughter of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Elizabeth Runyon was born July 1, 1841, and died February 1, 1928. She married Orison B. M. Lowe September 2, 1858. He was born September 9, 1839, in Pike County, Kentucky. Orison B. M. was a brother to Parmelia Emeriah Lowe, who married Thomas W. Runyon, a brother to Elizabeth. The children of Orison B. M. and Elizabeth (Runyon) Lowe were.

1. Orison R., born August 7, 1860, and died May 20, 1937.

2. Nancy Jane, born September 2, 1862, and died October 10, 1935. She married Bud Harris.

3. Esther Angeline born July 28, 1865, and died March 6, 1911. She married Wallace Taylor.

4. Thomas Sherman, born May 24, 1867, and died June 5, 1910.

5. Louise Emeriah, born January 1, 1870, and died May 1, 1896.

6. James Montreville, born February 1, 1872. He married Nora Taylor.

7. Sarah Ann, born December 18, 1874. She married William Slater.

8. Ellen Octavia, born November 26, 1879. She married Clinton Williamson of Big Creek, Pike County, Kentucky.

9. Ingram Hays, born March 18, 1877. He married Rosa Belle Oliver August 15, 1895, in Pike County.

10. Tandy Bird, born April 7, 1884, and died October 19, 1918. He married Etta Caudill, of Pike County, June 26, 1906.

11. Alice Vivian, born December 2, 1885. She married David Stepp, of Big Creek.

THOMAS WALLACE RUNYON (1843–1920)

Son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Thomas Wallace Runyon was born March 8, 1843, and died February 16, 1920. He married (1st) Parmelia Emeriah Lowe June 15, 1860, in Pike County, Kentucky. She died September 27, 1891. Their children were:

1. Charity, 1862–1938.

2. James E., born November 26, 1864, and died young.

3. Nancy Jane, 1866–1937.

4. Pricy Angeline, 1868–1926.

5. Elizabeth K., 1870–1937.

6. Armenda, born November 8, 1872, and died in 1911. She married William Scott July 2, 1890.

7. Orison P., born August 30, 1874, and died October 23, 1875.

8. Polly Margaret, 1876–1938.

9. John C., 1878–1930.

10. Caroline Matilda, born February 20, 1881, and died July 24, 1882.

11. Basil, born February 2, 1884, and died September 27, 1885.

12. Thomas B., born November 6, 1885, and died December 24, 1907. Unmarried.

Thomas W. married (2nd) Mary E. Bevins, daughter of Jefferson and Elizabeth T. Bevins, November 19, 1891. Mary E. was born July 1, 1863. Their children are:

1. Hettie, born October 31, 1895. She married John Murphy September 29, 1910. They reside at Belfry, Kentucky.

2. Hattie, born December 3, 1899. She married Silas Workman February 22, 1921.

3. Irvin J., born November 8, 1902. He married Elizabeth Smith.

Mary E. Bevins was a widow of John C. Charles. They were married April 19, 1880, in Logan County, West Virginia. Their children were:

1. Lilly J., born June 26, 1881, and died September 19, 1882.

2. W. B., born May 10, 1884. No further record.

Elizabeth T. Bevins, mother of Mary E., was born June 6, 1840, and died January 27, 1876.

Joseph Floyd Bevins, who married Louise ("Levisa") Runyon, daughter of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon, was an uncle of Mary E. Bevins.

Data copied from the Bible of Thomas W. Runyon.

CHARITY RUNYON (1862–1938)

Daughter of Thomas W. and Parmelia Emeriah (Lowe) Runyon

Charity Runyon was born April 1, 1862, and died March 30, 1938. She married John Scott January 9, 1879, at the residence of her parents. Asa H. Runyon, Charity's uncle, signed the marriage bond. They lived at Hardy, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Rosa, born December 17, 1881. She married Elbert

Hatfield October 21, 1897. They reside near Tug River, in Pike County, Kentucky. Issue.

2. Cecil C., born January 26, 1884. He married Dollie Smith July 20, 1905, in Pike County, Kentucky. They reside in Phoenix, Arizona. Their son, Woodrow Scott, M.D., is in charge of the Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia.

3. J. S. ('Sid"), born February 14, 1886. He married Fannie Farley December 12, 1907, in Pike County. Issue.

4. Maggie, born May 26, 1890, and died August 31, 1952. She married John Hatfield, brother of above Elbert Hatfield, May 12, 1909.

5. Thomas C., born May 23, 1892. He married Sally Scott March 2, 1911, and they reside at Williamson. Issue.

6. Sherman, born March 20, 1894. He married (1st) Emma Farley May 12, 1917, and (2nd) Kansas Sparks May July 2, 1949. They reside at Toler, Kentucky. The children of Sherman and Emma (Farley) Scott are: (*a*) Kyle P., born May 30, 1918. He married Emogene Hackney, and they have one son. (*b*) Jennings Gardner, born January 26, 1920. He married Irene Crowell, and they have five children. (*c*) Virginia Ruth, born March 24, 1921. She married Raymond C. Clay, and they have one child.

7. Dixie, born July 30, 1896. She married P. D. Scott August 16, 1912. He died August 20, 1953. She resides at Hardy. Issue.

8. Pearl, born August 4, 1899. She married Carl Scott July 2, 1919, in Pike County. They reside at Hardy. Issue.

9.Trimble, born June 1, 1902. He married Nancy Scott November 25, 1920, in Pike County. They reside at South Williamson, Kentucky. Issue.

NANCY JANE RUNYON (1866–1937)

Daughter of Thomas W. and Parmelia Emeriah (Lowe) Runyon

Nancy Jane Runyon was born June 1, 1866, and died March 3, 1937. She married (1st) William Montreville

Scott September 16, 1881, at Logan, West Virginia, (2nd) T. Granville Farley, and (3rd) Wallace Hatfield. William Montreville Scott was born October 1, 1861, and died October 29, 1903.

The children of William Montreville and Nancy Jane (Runyon) Scott are:

1. Thomas Beverly, born July 16, 1883, and died September 23, 1903. Unmarried.

2. Ida, born October 5, 1885. She married Grant Blackburn February 12, 1908. Issue.

3. Ballard, born May 4, 1888, and died October 10, 1906. Unmarried.

4. Malcolm, born October 10, 1890. He married Bessie Flowers of Huntington, West Virginia. Issue.

5. Floyd, born October 22, 1893. He married (1st) Maggie Smith and (2nd) Lizzie Hankins. They reside at Hardy, Kentucky. Issue.

6. Lassie, born May 19, 1898, and died February 9, 1904. Unmarried.

7. Elbert, born December 23, 1899. He married Lydia Farley, daughter of James Farley, and they reside at Hardy.

8. Rosy Gladys, born August 17, 1903. She married John B. Clay November 7, 1919. He was born December 9, 1901, and they reside in Virginia. Their children are: (*a*) Logene Dare, born *circa* 1920, and died January 20, 1934, at Toler, Kentucky. (*b*) Eugene Elmer, born March 3, 1925. He married Marjorie Didlake December 11, 1949, in Virginia. (c) Mary Jane, born October 14, 1927. She married John W. Carter, of South Mills, North Carolina. (*d*) Peggy Lee, born December 30, 1934. She married Robert E. ("Bob") Graham August 28, 1952, at Hampton, Virginia. The children were born at Toler.

PRICY A. RUNYON (1868–1926)

Daughter of Thomas W. and Parmelia Emeriah (Lowe) Runyon

PRICY A. RUNYON was born July 19, 1868, and died October

6, 1926. She married (1st) William B. ("Bud") Smith November 20, 1884, in Pike County, Kentucky, and (2nd) George Alley. Pricy A. and her first husband lived at the mouth of Pond Creek, Pike County.

The children of William B. and Pricy A. (Runyon) Smith are:

1. Parmelia Emma, born October 14, 1885. She married William T. Scott March 20, 1903. They reside at Paintsville, Kentucky. Issue.
2. Thomas Wallace, born January 10, 1889, and died May 10, 1906. Unmarried.
3. Esta, born November 7, 1891, and died February 28, 1949. She married Luther Loftis January 2, 1912. No issue.
4. Mary E., born in December, 1893. She married William ("Willie") B. Oliver December 21, 1911. They reside at West Williamson, West Virginia. Issue.
5. Zettie Lee, born August 19, 1896, and died October 29, 1918. Unmarried.
6. Cleo Pearl, born July 19, 1899. She married Burlin Oney in September, 1922.
7. Bessie, born August 19, 1901, and died October 29, 1918. Unmarried.
8. Lat, born March 26, 1906. He married (1st) (name unknown) and (2nd) Hazel Morris April 5, 1953.

The children of George and Pricy A. (Runyon) Alley are:

1. Cora, born September 2, 1912, and died December 24, 1924.
2. Tunis, born September 2, 1912, a twin to Cora. She married Walter Oakes April 15, 1929.

ELIZABETH K. RUNYON (1870–1937)

Daughter of Thomas W. and Parmelia Emeriah (Lowe) Runyon

Elizabeth K. Runyon was born September 18, 1870, and died December 15, 1937. She married Joseph L. Varney March 27, 1884, at the home of her parents in Pike County, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Victor B., born July 12, 1888, and died April 10, 1938. He married Edna Cook. Issue.

2. Alfred J., born November 27, 1890, and died May 24, 1951. He married Pearl Smith, daughter of Floyd Smith, of Sidney, Kentucky. She died October 5, 1949. Issue.

3. Nicholas E., born December 18, 1892. He married (1st) Virgie Wilkinson, who died March 20, 1940; and (2nd) Clitus McCoy. They reside at Road Fork, Kentucky. Issue.

4. Velma, born March 13, 1894. She married Willie S. Pauley.

5. Minnie, born in 1896. She married Tell Maynard, and they reside on Brushy Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. Issue.

6. Sallie, born in 1898. She married Julius Lawson. Issue.

7. Reford, born in 1900. He married Ruth Collins.

8. Phineas T., born in 1903. He married Sylvia Hunt.

POLLY MARGARET RUNYON (1876–1938)

Daughter of Thomas W. and Parmelia Emeriah (Lowe) Runyon

Polly Margaret Runyon was born September 24, 1876, and died 12:10 a.m., April 16, 1938. She married William Jefferson Hatfield. He was born July 30, 1874. Their children are:

1. James Estill, born July 31, 1897, at McCarr, Kentucky. He married Pearl Blackburn July 2, 1918.

2. Ethel, born on Monday, October 3, 1898, and died December 16, 1901, at McCarr.

3. Warns Earl, born on Thursday, May 30, 1901, and died June 30, 1926, at McCarr.

4. Teddy Clyde, born on Wednesday, January 14, 1903. He married Opal Stafford May 25, 1936. They reside at Belfry, Kentucky.

5. Anderson, born on Friday, August 13, 1904, and died September 6, 1904.

6. LeEttie, born July 12, 1905. She married Adam Norman December 20, 1922. He is dead, and she resides at McCarr.

7. Jeanette, born on Tuesday, February 11, 1908. She married Anthony Smith November 14, 1936. They reside at McCarr.

8. Robert Ward, born May 11, 1910. He married Virginia Ratliff May 12, 1936. They reside at McCarr.

9. Melda, born on Tuesday, March 27, 1912. She married Orville Morris September 14, 1935. They reside at McCarr.

10. Guy White, born on Sunday, October 4, 1914. He married Lilly Scott December 4, 1935. They reside at McCarr.

11. Katherine Langley, born on Monday, November 6, 1916. She married Dovil Scott March 25, 1936. They reside at McCarr.

12. William Jefferson, Jr., born on Saturday, January 11, 1919. He married Lullis Kirk, of Inez, Kentucky, September 18, 1938. They reside at McCarr.

JOHN C. RUNYON (1878–1930)

Son of Thomas W. and Parmelia Emeriah (Lowe) Runyon

JOHN C. RUNYON was born December 4, 1878, and died June 19, 1930, at Belfry, Kentucky. He married Della Farley, daughter of Granville and Lucy (Rutherford) Farley, May 8, 1897, in Pike County, Kentucky. She was born March 1, 1879. Their children are:

1. Troy B., born March 18, 1898. He married Ora Mae Gentry August 11,1923, at Beaver Dam, Ohio County, Kentucky. They reside at Toler, Kentucky.

2. Morell, born July 20, 1900. He married Goldie Fluty, of Martin County, Kentucky, and they reside there.

3. Ernest Burl, born December 4, 1902. He married Mae Buchanan, of Stone, Kentucky, September 28, 1934. They reside at Belfry, Kentucky.

4. Lucy, born January 12, 1904. She married John Bevins, of Sidney, Kentucky, November 19, 1924. They reside at Belfry.

5. Thomas B., born December 28, 1906. He married Loena Gray June 30, 1928. They reside at Belfry.

6. Ethel, born April 7, 1908. She married Okey Bevins, son of Elder Jonah Bevins, in 1933. They reside at Leckieville, Kentucky.

7. Mabel, born May 20, 1912, and died May 3, 1949. She married Carl Reed, son of L. D. Reed, of Sidney, Kentucky, in 1931.

8. Emma, born August 25, 1915. She married Grady May, and they reside at Logan, West Virginia.

9. Lorene, born May 4, 1923. She married Lloyd Francisco, and they reside at Meta, Kentucky.

WILLIAM ANDERSON RUNYON (1845–86)

Son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

William Anderson Runyon was born October 25, 1845, and died May 22, 1886. He married Nellie McCoy, daughter of John and Peggy (Burris) McCoy, June 30, 1864. Their marriage record is recorded in Floyd County, Kentucky, but it indicates they were married in Pike County, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Lynn Boyd, 1866–1937.

2. Sarah J., born September 16, 1868, and died October 9, 1875.

3. Caroline, born December 16, 1869. She married Talbert Blackburn at the residence of her mother August 27, 1891.

4. Orison P., born July 5, 1872. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and never married.

5. John B., born January 20, 1875, and died June 13, 1906. He married Fanny Maynard April 13, 1899, at Williamson, West Virginia.

6. George W., born March 19, 1877. Unmarried.

7. Anderson H., born August 23, 1879. Unmarried.

8. Rosebell, born November 28, 1881. She married a Mr. Queen, and they reside in Huntington, West Virginia.

9. Elsy Cleve, born March 11, 1884. She married William Lane January 17, 1911, at Williamson,.

LYNN BOYD RUNYON (1866–1937)

Son of William Anderson and Nellie (McCoy) Runyon

Lynn Boyd Runyon was born October 23, 1866, and died November 12, 1937. He is buried near his parents in the Old Pond Creek Church Cemetery. He married Rosetta Blackburn, daughter of G. R. Blackburn, July 2, 1885. She was born April 8, 1867. Their children are:

1. Sidney L. ("Sid"), born February 4, 1887, and died April 29, 1949. He married and had children. A son, Cal, resides in Cleveland, Ohio.
2. Nora, born February 25, 1889, and died January 26, 1902. Unmarried.
3. Pearl, born February 25, 1891. She married Harry Francis April 11, 1912, at Williamson, West Virginia, and they reside there.
4. Leonard, born April 26, 1893, and died July 15, 1922.
5. James C., born May 7, 1897. He is married, has children, and resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

Data contributed by Pearl (Runyon) Francis.

CHARITY RUNYON (1847–1922)

Daughter of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Charity Runyon was born August 26, 1847, and died February 8, 1922. She is buried in the Fairview Cemetery near Williamson, Mingo County, West Virginia. She married Thomas Stepp October 26, 1865, at her mother's residence on Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. He was born June 7, 1847, and died in January, 1900. Their children are:

1. Floyd, born in 1866, and died in 1932. He married (1st) Betty Slater, (2nd) Rebecca White, and (3rd) Nancy Brewster.

2. John B., born in 1869. He married Virginia Cheney.

3. Montreville, born in 1871, and died in October, 1945. He married Caroline Farley.

4. George, born in 1872, and died in May, 1915. He married Elizabeth White.

5. Columbia, born in 1874, and died in 1932. She married William Millard.

6. Mary Jane, born February 12, 1877. She married Andrew Farley, son of Samuel Farley.

7. Sarah Ann, born in 1878. She married Randolph Fammons.

8. Tennessee, born in 1880, and died in January, 1918. She married Albert T. Vaughn.

9. Adron, born in 1882. He married Anna Damron.

10. Roland T., born in 1884, and died in 1932. He married Gypsie Carmen Kirk.

11. Esther, born in 1885, and died in June, 1900. Unmarried.

12. Kennie B., born in 1887, and died in 1944. He married Ona Pinson.

13. Thomas J., born in 1889, and died in March, 1914. Unmarried.

ADRON RUNYON, JR. (1850–?)

Son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Adron Runyon, Jr., was born July 23, 1850. He married Elizabeth Pinson, daughter of Elder George Pinson, October 11, 1866, in Pike County, Kentucky. Their children were:

1. Louisa, born *circa* 1867. She married (1st) William Smith July 3, 1884, in Pike County. (2nd) Wayne Kline.

2. George, 1869–.

3. Anna Victoria, born *circa* 1871. She married Montreville Canada March 30, 1889, at the residence of her parents.

4. Ballard, 1874–1938?.

5. Orison P., 1877–1952.

6. Tolby, married Sarah Ellen Horn July 11, 1907, in Martin County, Kentucky.

7. Elizabeth ("Lizzie"), born in 1882. She married James E. ("Ned") Maynard October 25, 1897, in Pike County. The wedding ceremony was performed at the residence of her parents.

GEORGE RUNYON (1869–)

Son of Adron and Elizabeth (Pinson) Runyon, Jr.

George Runyon was born February 26, 1869. He married (1st) Ibby Maynard, daughter of Harman Maynard, January 5, 1893, at the home of her parents in Pike County, Kentucky, and (2nd) Vista Lowe, daughter of Pry Lowe.

The children of George and Ibby (Maynard) Runyon:

1. Rastie, 1894–.

2. Grover, born *circa* 1895. He married Leona Belle Burgett July 3, 1925, and they reside on Brushy Creek, Pike County. Their children are: (*a*) Orison. (*b*) Alfred. (*c*) Loye.

3. Orville, born March 22, 1897. He married Mary Bowling September 9, 1915, in Pike County. They reside at Chattaroy, West Virginia, where Orville operates a general store. Their children are: (*a*) Ira. (*b*) Ibby Jane. (*c*) Buddy. (*d*) Ova. (*e*) Maudie.

4. Orison, born *circa* 1899, was killed in a steam boiler explosion on Blackberry Fork of Pond Creek, above Hardy, Kentucky, July 9, 1920.

The children of George and Vista (Lowe) Runyon:

1. Dixie, born May 10, 1908. She married Ezra Clark, son of John and Maude Clark May 16, 1926. They reside on Turkey Creek, Pike County. Their children are: (*a*) Grace, born December 30, 1927. She married Earl Boyce. (*b*) Ida Jo., born March 16, 1930. She married Carlos Spradlin. (*c*) Johnny, born May 1, 1941. (*d*) Linda Lou, born February 11, 1948.

2. Adron, born March 1, 1910. He married Stella Staten.

They reside on Dan's Branch in WestVirginia. Their children are: (*a*) Ernest, born July 7, 1932. (*b*) Anna Merle. (*c*) Geraldine.

3. Luna, born June 1, 1912. She married Lacy Lowe, son of Thomas Sherman Lowe, September 21, 1929. They reside on Big Creek, in Pike County. Their children are: (*a*) Billy, born May 8, 1930. (*b*) Thomas Sherman, born January 9, 1933. (*c*) Betty Lou, born October 6, 1934. (*d*) Harold, born April 22, 1937. (*e*) Edith, born October 24, 1940. (*f*) Bonnie Jean, born December 14, 1942. (*g*) Rebecca Jane, born July 19, 1944.

4. Louise, born February 9, 1914. She married Boyd Clark, brother of Ezra Clark, May 27, 1931. Their children are: (*a*) Chester, born April 7, 1933. (*b*) Lester, born March 21, 1935. (*c*) Mabel, born April 21, 1938. (*d*) Edgar, born September 28, 1941. (*e*) Joyce, born September 16, 1949.

5. Viola, born August 26, 1917. She married Kennie Gillman, and they reside on Dan's Branch in West Virginia. Their children are: (*a*) Foster, born February 15, 1934. (*b*) Carl, born July 19, 1935. (*c*) Opal, born February 8, 1938.

6. Birdie, born in September, 1918, and died September 1, 1919.

7. Amos, born February 28, 1920. He married Matilda Ward in January, 1953, and they reside in Detroit, Michigan. They have one son, John Jerome, born November 20, 1953.

RASTIE RUNYON (1894–)

Son of George and Ibby (Maynard) Runyon

Rastie Runyon was born August 26, 1894. He married Cora Bowling August 21, 1919, and they reside at Chattaroy, West Virginia. Their children are:

1. Edward, born July 3, 1920. He married Liza Miles, and they reside in Michigan. Liza was born July 3, 1920, the same day her husband was born. They have one child, Judith Lee, born May 22, 1948.

2. Essie Lane, born January 16, 1926. She married Herbert Savage September 1, 1947. They have three children: (*a*) Larry Herbert, born July 24, 1948. (*b*) Ronald Edwin, born September 27, 1949. (*c*) Perry Eugene Savage, born January 24, 1951.

3. Rastie, Jr., born July 16, 1929. He married Allene Howard March 14, 1949. She was born November 2, 1933, and they have three children: (*a*) Karen Sue, born in November, 1949. (*b*) Michael Rastie, born March 10, 1952. (*c*) A son, born January 28, 1954.

4. Ethel Jane, born September 11, 1933. She married John Harley Copley March 4, 1950, and they have one son, David Harley, born May 22, 1952.

5. Dorothy Mae, born March 23, 1938. Unmarried.

BALLARD RUNYON (1874–1938?)

Son of Adron and Elizabeth (Pinson) Runyon, Jr.

Ballard Runyon was born December 8, 1874, and died *circa* 1938. He married (1st) Mazie Bevins March 5, 1896, in Pike County, Kentucky, (2nd) Rosie Burris in 1915, and (3rd) Bessie Sullivan. The latter died in 1936 without issue. The children of Ballard and Mazie (Bevins) Runyon are:

1. Edna, born May 27, 1898. She married Rell Smith in June, 1913, and they reside at Williamson, West Virginia.

2. Quinnie, born October 13, 1900. She married Henry T. Varney June 24, 1917, and they reside on Turkey Creek, Pike County, Kentucky.

3. Clell, born October 13, 1902. He married Susie Trout in 1922, and they reside in Williamson.

4. John B., died young.

5. Sally T., deceased.

6. Ida, born in 1909. She married Perell Vickers, and they reside in Williamson.

7. Gordon, deceased.

The children of Ballard and Rosie (Burris) Runyon are:

1. Luther, born in 1917, deceased.

Data contributed by Mrs. Henry T. Varney.

ORISON P. RUNYON (1877–1952)

Son of Adron and Elizabeth (Pinson) Runyon, Jr.

Orison P. Runyon was born March 2, 1877, and died November 8, 1952. He married (1st) Cynthia Keezee July 29, 1897, in Pike County, Kentucky, and (2nd) Josie Horn December 31, 1907, in Martin County, Kentucky.

The children of Orison P. and Cynthia (Keezee) Runyon are:

1. Gladys, married Leonard Smith June 6, 1913, and they reside at Ransom, Kentucky.
2. Melda, married Marion Hatfield July 4, 1916, and they reside at Ransom.
3. Ernest, born October 7, 1903. He married Stella Smith June 6, 1926, and they reside at Ransom.

The children of Orison P. and Josie (Horn) Runyon are:

1. Myrtle, born April 18, 1910. She married Oliver Whitt July 7, 1932, and they reside at Nolan, West Virginia.
2. Conrad, born May 2, 1911. He married Vada Hatfield May 1, 1937, and they reside at Ransom.
3. Vicie, born April 19, 1912. She married Thomas Lucas in 1925, and they reside at Belo, West Virginia.
4. George, born February 11, 1915. He married Reatha Blevins April 4, 1934, and they reside at the mouth of Big Creek, Kentucky, opposite Nolan. George is a minister of the gospel.
5. Hobart, born May 26, 1917. He married Dixie Fugett January 4, 1951, and they reside on Big Creek.
6. Ballard, born January 30, 1920. He married Geraldine Anderson February 11, 1942, and they reside at Nolan.
7. Loraine, born May 1, 1922. She married Glenn Hatfield December 19, 1936, and they reside at Ransom.
8. Ruby, born April 20, 1924. She married Francis Harrison May 26, 1942, and they reside on Big Creek.
9. Bessie, born January 1, 1927. She resides at Nolan. Unmarried.

10. Sarah Ann, born May 10, 1929. She married Edward Francis, Jr., July 14, 1945, and they reside at Nolan.

Data contributed by Conrad Runyon.

MOSES RUNYON (1852–1927)

Son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Moses Runyon was born May 16, 1852, and died December 27, 1927. He married Eliza Emma Bevins, daughter of James ("Jim") Bevins September 15, 1867. James was a son of Thomas Bevins and a grandson of Joseph Bevins from Ireland. The children of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon are:

1. James Eperson, 1868–1946.
2. Polly Jane, 1869–1925.
3. Thomas, 1872–1937.
4. John B., 1874–.
5. Octavia, 1877–.
6. Roland T., born April 24, 1879. He married Allie (Hatfield) Stevens, widow of Charles Stevens, May 3, 1901, at Williamson, West Virginia.
7. Ollie, 1881–.
8. Victor Boyd, 1884–1944.
9. Nye, born April 23, 1886. He married Nancy Hatfield January 29, 1906, at Williamson.
10. Dixie, 1889–.
11. Florence, 1894–.

JAMES EPERSON RUNYON (1868–1946)

Son of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

James Eperson Runyon was born August 1, 1868, and died September 29, 1946, at Belfry, Kentucky. He married Ella Murphy, daughter of John Murphy, of Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, July 31, 1886. He was an outstanding

citizen of Pike County. He served a term (1925–29) as clerk of Pike County Court. He was a Democrat and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He is buried in the J. E. Runyon Cemetery at Belfry.

The children of James Eperson and Ella (Murphy) Runyon are:

1. Moses, born March 16, 1888, and died November 25, 1938. He married Polly Hunt, daughter of Thomas Hunt, of Pond Creek, January 14, 1905, in Pike County. Their children are: (*a*) Reginald, married and resides at Columbus, Ohio. (*b*) Hervey, married Bessie Boger, and they reside at Ethel, Washington. (*c*) Lena, killed in an automible wreck. (*d*) Ella, married Latt Harman, and they reside at Cleveland, Ohio. (*e*) Walter, died while in the armed forces. (*f*) June, drowned in Road Fork Creek, Pike County. (*g*) Birdie Mae, married a Mr. Boger, and they reside at Road Fork, Pike County.

2. Emma, born February 23, 1890. She married M. Frank Browning, of Wayne County, West Virginia. No issue.

3. Willard, born September 1, 1892, and died December 24, 1917, while in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is buried in the J. E. Runyon Cemetery at Belfry. Unmarried.

4. Mary, born April 16, 1894. She married (1st) J. Pat Murphy and (2nd) Robert Farley. The children by her first marriage are: (*a*) Jeanette, born August 11, 1920. Unmarried. (*b*) Naomi Ruth, born June 11, 1922. Unmarried. (*c*) Lena Virginia ("Patsy"), born April 26, 1924. She married George Baker, Jr., and they reside at Lexington, Kentucky. (*d*) Pearl Edythe, born November 26, 1926. She married John Brickner, of Pennsylvania, and they reside at Titusville, Pennsylvania. Their children are: (*aa*) John Preston. (*bb*) Dorothy Lynn. (*cc*) Linda Sue. (*dd*) Mary Frances.

5. Launa B., born March 15, 1896. Unmarried.

6. Charles Frennie, born June 10, 1898, and died September 29, 1948. He married Daisy Palmer, daughter of Thomas W. Palmer. Their children are: (*a*) Betty Lois. (*b*) Charles Frennie, Jr. (*c*) Thomas J.

7. Medley, born February 28, 1900. He married Thelma Ferrell, and they reside at Logan, West Virginia.

8. Orison P., born May 13, 1902. He married Mary Thacker, of Pike County, and they reside at Detroit, Michigan. They have one daughter, Vida Nell.

9. T. I., born September 21, 1904. He married Bessie Goodman, of Pond Creek, and they reside at Huddy, Kentucky. Their children are: (*a*) Kathryn, married and lives at Pikeville, Kentucky. (*b*) Robert. (*c*) Edwin Keith. (*d*) John Garner. (*e*) James Roosevelt. (*f*) Thomas. (*g*) Janice Gayle. (*h*) Billy.

10. J. B. ("Dock"), born November 26, 1907. He married Laura Thacker, sister of above Mary, and they reside at Detroit, Michigan.

11. Nancy Jane, born February 17, 1910. She married Cecil Thornbury, of Pike County, and they reside at Belfry. Their children are: (*a*) Mary Ann, born April 5, 1946. (*b*) Cecil Brice, born March 14, 1947. Nancy Jane is a teacher in the Pike County school system.

12. Pearl Frances, born January 8, 1913. Unmarried. She served as secretary of state of Kentucky and was later elected state treasurer. She resides in Frankfort, Kentucky.

POLLY JANE RUNYON (1870–1925)

Daughter of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

Polly Jane Runyon was born June 25, 1869, and died February 28, 1925. She married Thomas Hunt April 28, 1887, at Logan, West Virginia. Their children are:

1. Ealen, born in 1888, and died May 28, 1952. She is buried in the Old Pond Creek Church Cemetery near Belfry, Kentucky. She married (1st) Cleveland Farley and (2nd) Dock Childers.

2. Louisa, married (1st) C. C. Runyon and (2nd) Troy Runyon, son of Albert and Mary C. (Curry) Runyon of Pigeon Creek, West Virginia.

3. Octavia, married M. G. C. Ramey, son of Joseph B. Ramey, of Pike County.

4. Fred, born November 10, 1896. He married Eulah Reynolds, daughter of T. I. Reynolds, of Belfry.

5. Emma, born March 15, 1899, and died October 10, 1918. She married Robert Sparks, Jr., of Pond Creek.

6. Everett, born February 9, 1902. He married Gladys Stanley, daughter of Joseph E. Stanley, of Pike County.

7. Emmet, born May 31, 1904. He married Sarah Jane Blackburn, daughter of Albert Blackburn, of Pike County.

8. Minnie, born December 7, 1906. She married Cecil Runyon, son of Albert and Mary C. (Curry) Runyon, of Pigeon Creek.

THOMAS RUNYON (1872–1937)

Son of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

Thomas Runyon was born May 11, 1872, and died July 6, 1937. He married Louise Scott July 14, 1892. She was born July 23, 1873. Their children are:

1. Bonnie, born August 21, 1893, and died July 16, 1895.

2. Saylor, born March 2, 1894. He married Della Carter, and they reside at Stone, Kentucky.

3. Fairchild, born June 24, 1896. He married Grethel Maynard April 18, 1917, and they reside at Belfry, Kentucky.

4. Ortha, born November 5, 1897. She married McKinley Hager.

5. Trimble, born February 5, 1900. He married (1st) Prunia Chapman and (2nd) Mary Varney, and they reside at Detroit, Michigan.

6. William, born February 8, 1902. He married Clella Thompson, and they reside at Rawl, West Virginia.

7. Jennings, born September 21, 1903. He married Pearl King, and they reside at McVeigh, Kentucky.

8. June, born September 21, 1903, and died February 15, 1904. She was a twin to Jennings.

9. Lonnie, born August 1, 1905. She married Paul Swafford, and they reside at Ben Creek, West Virginia.

10. Wheeler J., born June 13, 1907. He married Hazel Chapman, and they reside at Belfry.

11. Scott, born August 21, 1908. He married Eunice Stanley, and they reside at Road Fork, Kentucky.

12. May, born May 11, 1910, and died August 8, 1911.

13. Okey, born August 26, 1912, and died March 15, 1917.

JOHN B. RUNYON (1874–)

Son of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

John B. Runyon was born August 3, 1874. He married Cooney Murphy in November, 1894, at Logan, West Virginia. She was a daughter of John Murphy, of Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, and was born November 19, 1877. Their children are:

1. Charles, born October 31, 1895, and died May 2, 1906.

2. Della, born August 2, 1898. She married Oscar Ayers. Issue.

3. Flossie, born September 19, 1900. She married Roland Scott, and they reside at McCarr, Kentucky.

4. Elsie, born September 28, 1903. She married Young Maynard.

5. Ermal, born September 15, 1905. He married Bertha Mae ("Jack") Palmer, and they reside at Ashland, Kentucky.

6. Mae, born October 10, 1911. She married Benjamin Maynard, of Aflex, Kentucky.

7. Woodrow, born November 5, 1913. He married Ada Hatfield, daughter of W. J. Hatfield, Jr.

8. Marshall, born October 16, 1915. He married Margaret Urcheck.

OCTAVIA RUNYON (1877–)

Daughter of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

Octavia Runyon was born January 17, 1877. She married

Melvin Scott August 25, 1892, in Pike County, Kentucky. They reside at Hardy, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. Charles, born September 25, 1893. He married Chloe Chapman, and they reside at Hardy, Kentucky.

2. Hattie, born February 21, 1896. She married (1st) Floyd Varney in 1910 and (2nd) Henry Ray.

3. Stella, born March 22, 1899. She married (1st) William May in 1912 and (2nd) Dewey Brown. They reside at Toler, Kentucky.

4. Samuel, born November 17, 1901. He married Neva Casey, and they reside at Hardy.

5. Brookie, born *circa* 1906. She married Dock Webb in 1921 and died afterwards.

6. Eileen ("Eland"), born May 6, 1909. She married Mate Davis in 1927. They reside at Hardy.

7. A. J., born August 17, 1915. He married Inis Morris, and they reside at Hardy.

8. Clifford, born January 11, 1918. He married Nannie Mae Parson March 29, 1937, and they reside at Hardy.

Data contributed by Mrs. Octavia (Runyon) Scott.

OLLIE RUNYON (1881–)

Daughter of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

Ollie Runyon was born August 28, 1881. She married James Howard Hatfield May 30, 1897, at Williamson, West Virginia. He died in 1952 at the age of eighty-three years. Ollie (Runyon) Hatfield resides in Williamson, West Virginia. Their children are:

1. Minerva Marie, born June 3, 1900. She married Walter Davis Stallard, Sr., June 9, 1920, and they reside at Williamson, West Virginia.

2. Laura Goldie, born January 22, 1905. She married Elbert Ewing Lipps August 3, 1923, and they reside at Williamson, West Virginia.

3. Pearl Florence, born August 3, 1908. She married Samuel E. Langfitt October 16, 1932, and they reside at Vermillion, Ohio.

4. Earl, born November 29, 1910. Unmarried.

5. Clyde, born December 22, 1914. He married Eunice Calloway October 24, 1936, and they reside at Bluefield, West Virginia.

6. Christina Mildred, born January 4, 1918. She married John Lafe Burris May 15, 1937, and they reside at Williamson.

7. James Howard, Jr., born February 12, 1921. He married Nancy Chitwood November 27, 1950, and they reside at Columbus, Ohio.

Data contributed by Mrs. Ollie (Runyon) Hatfield.

VICTOR RUNYON (1884–1944)

Son of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

Victor Runyon was born January 11, 1884, and died April 20, 1944. He married Eliza Hatfield December 24, 1904. She was born May 21, 1888. Victor was a miner and spent his life working in that occupation. He is buried in the Old Pond Creek Church Cemetery, Pike County, Kentucky, where other members of his family are buried. Their children are:

1. Eliza, born December 9, 1905, and died December 25, 1905.

2. Bessie, born April 14, 1907, and died June 5, 1941. She married Lewis Patrick.

3. Bertha, born June 25, 1909, and died September 23, 1910.

4. Troy, born May 20, 1912, and died June 7, 1936. Unmarried.

5. Lily Opal, born November 18, 1913. She married (1st) Fred Hensley and (2nd) Jack Barber, and they reside at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

6. Jennings, born August 2, 1915. He married Pricy Smith.

7. Carl, born July 22, 1917. He married Virginia Myers.

8. Agnes Marie, born September 25, 1918. She married (1st) Ralph Varney and (2nd) Don Morgan, and they reside in Detroit, Michigan.

9. Ralph, born August 10, 1920. He married Betty Perry, and they reside in Detroit.

10. Emmet, born April 1, 1922. He married Maggie Verbance. Emmet serves in the U.S. Marine Corps.

11. Emma Lee, born December 31, 1923. She married Billy Davis, and they reside in Detroit.

12. Logene, born September 5, 1926. She married Thomas Reed, and they reside in Detroit.

DIXIE RUNYON (1889–)

Daughter of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

Dixie Runyon was born September 9, 1889. She married Colonel Joseph Mickey, of North Carolina, July 3, 1911, at Rawl, West Virginia. He was born May 5, 1882, and died January 7, 1951. Their children are:

1. Ray, born July 23, 1913. He married Hazel Bowe May 15, 1937.

2. Ollie Mae, born January 27, 1916. She married Cecil Scott, son of Tobias Scott, August 2, 1930. They reside at Canada, Kentucky.

3. Willard, born August 20, 1918. He married Ethel Parsley September 3, 1943, and they reside at Columbus, Ohio.

4. Minerva, born November 1, 1921. She married Herbert Bowe October 23, 1937, and they reside at Williamson, West Virginia.

5. Elbert, born December 25, 1930. He married Mangie Lambert December 23, 1950, and they reside at Williamson.

FLORENCE RUNYON (1894–)

Daughter of Moses and Eliza Emma (Bevins) Runyon

Florence Runyon was born April 7, 1894. She married Richard Browning April 29, 1909, at Rawl, West Virginia. He was born December 29, 1886, and died March 2, 1944, and is buried in the Old Pond Creek Church Cemetery.

They lived most of their lives on Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, where Richard worked as a miner, and where he died. Florence resides at her home on Pond Creek. Their children are:

1. Louisa, born October 22, 1911. She married Luther Pinson December 20, 1938.
2. Charles, born June 1, 1914. He married Jessie Blackburn October 12, 1935.
3. Anna Belle, born October 1, 1917, and died February 16, 1932. She is buried in the Old Pond Creek Church Cemetery.
4. Bertha, born April 24, 1919. She married Marvin Cochran September 20, 1942.
5. Olive Ruth, born October 12, 1921. She married William Perrigon February 1, 1945.
6. Richard, Jr., born November 29, 1923. He married Mary Katherine Bevins February 15, 1951.
7. Roy Clifford, born April 9, 1925. He married Emogene Adkins November 28, 1947.
8. James, born April 29, 1927. He married Dorothy Hubbard June 22, 1950.

ORISON P. RUNYON (1855–97)

Son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon

Orison P. Runyon was born April 1, 1855, and died July 7, 1897. He married (1st) Pricy Mims Lowe October 13, 1881. She was born *circa* 1858 and died June 1, 1885. She is buried by the side of her husband in the Old Pond Creek Church Cemetery, near Belfry, Pike County, Kentucky. To this union one child, Fannie J., was born September 7, 1882. She married Amos Runyon, son of Joseph Adron and Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon, April 11, 1901, at Williamson, Mingo County, West Virginia. Amos' father was a son of John Compton Runyon, who was a son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon.

After the death of Pricy Mims (Lowe) Runyon, Orison P.

married (2nd) Martha J. Bevins, daughter of Madison Bevins March 8, 1888. She was born February 21, 1856, and died May 3, 1944.

IV : ADAM RUNYON

Of Pigeon Creek, Mingo County, West Virginia

THE FIRST NOTICE found of Adam Runyon is in the first U.S. Census (1790) of Stokes County, North Carolina. His name was spelled "Runy*an*." He married Elizabeth Davis either in North Carolina or Virginia. She was born *circa* 1770, and died soon after 1870. The 1870 U.S. Census of Logan County, West Virginia, lists Elizabeth Runyon at the residence of William J. Tiller. Her age was given as one hundred years and her birthplace as Virginia. Her relation, if any, to William J. Tiller is not known. Adam, his wife, one son, and one daughter were living in Stokes County until 1800 or after. Their son, Adam, Jr., was born in North Carolina in 1800. However, the 1800 U.S. Census of Stokes County does not list any Runyons.

Adam was living in Tazewell County, Virginia, by 1806. He is listed on the personal tax rolls of Tazewell County from 1806 to 1811. Apparently soon after 1811, Adam migrated with his family to Pigeon Creek in that part of Cabell County which later became Logan County, Virginia, and in 1895, Mingo County, West Virginia. The 1820 U.S. Census of Cabell County lists Adam Runyon and his wife, both more than forty-five years of age. They then had five sons and two daughters. Adam died before 1830, or at least he is not listed in the 1830 U.S. Census of Logan County. The 1830 U.S. Census lists Adam Runyon as the head of the family, but he is Adam, Jr. His mother was shown to be about sixty years old.

Adam Runyon is listed in a Cabell County Court Minute Book, indicating with certainty that he was living on the waters of Pigeon Creek in 1814 or before. Only the index,

entitled County Court Alphabet 1814 continuing for the year 1815, has been found by Clyde Runyon, and it was lying loose in Minute Book 1814–1820.

Adam Runyon must have had more children than were listed in the 1820 U.S. Census of Cabell County, because at least one son was born afterwards, and for a period of ten years between 1790 and 1800, no children are on record. Adam, Jr., was born in North Carolina in 1800, and it is reasonable to believe that there were other children born between 1790 and 1800, while Adam, Sr., and his wife were in the prime of their lives. The successive order of the birth of their children is not known with certainty. There is a possibility that Joseph Runyon, who married Rebecca Adkins in 1827, may have been a son of Adam. The marriage is recorded in Cabell County. We have no further record of Joseph and Rebecca. Also, some of Adam's descendants claim that Joseph was a son of Adam.

Of course, some of Adam's children may have died, or some of the early Runyon marriages performed between 1803 and 1811 may have included children of Adam and Elizabeth. Some of these marriages are:

Charity Runyon married William Lusk December 25, 1806, in Tazewell County, with Henry Harman officiating. They lived on the waters of Bluestone Creek and owned land there.

Benjamin Runyon married Polly Lusk January 6, 1807, in Tazewell County. Polly may have been a sister to William Lusk. The marriage ceremony was performed by Henry Harman. Benjamin is listed on the tax rolls of Tazewell County from 1805 until 1832, or later. Benjamin purchased 100 acres of land on the waters of Bluestone Creek from William and Patsy Milam August 20, 1831. The 1830 U.S. Census of Tazewell County indicates that Benjamin and his wife were about fifty years old. Apparently they had only one child, a daughter. Benjamin and Charity may have been children of Adam and Elizabeth.

While Adam was living in Stokes County, John Runyon was living in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Apparently

John moved soon after 1790 to Tazewell County, where he is listed in the personal tax rolls. About the time that Adam emigrated to Pigeon Creek, John and his family came to Pond Creek, which is now in Pike County, Kentucky. Pond Creek is not far from Pigeon Creek. The relationship of John and Adam has never been determined, but a family connection is apparent. The children of Adam and Elizabeth that are known were:

1. Adam, Jr., 1800?–95?.
2. Alexander, 1808?–1880.
3. William, born in 1814, probably in Logan County. He married Nancy (surname unknown) *circa* 1837. They are listed in the 1850 U.S. Census of Pike County. Their children are: (*a*) Greenville L., born in 1838. (*b*) Lucreta, born in 1840. (*c*) Mary E., born in 1842. (*d*) James H., born in 1845. (*e*) Sarah A., born in 1849. There may have been more children born after 1850. William and his family moved away from Pike County to an unknown place. The only record found of William is that he went West.
4. John A., 1818?–?.
5. James M., born *circa* 1823, in Cabell County. He married Polly Simpkins *circa* 1847, probably in Logan County. The 1850 U.S. Census of Logan County lists James M. Runyon, twenty-seven, and his wife Polly, twenty-five years of age, both born in Virginia. Their children were: (*a*) Andrew, born in 1848. (*b*) Rebecca, born in 1850. On the same census is found Andrew Runyon, twenty-six years old, born in Virginia, living with James M. and Polly (Simpkins) Runyon. The relationship of Andrew to James M. has not been established. James M. and Polly named their first son Andrew, indicating family connection. It is traditionally reported that James M. lived on Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek in Logan County. Apparently he had sold his land holdings before 1860 and moved to an unknown location.

Adam and Elizabeth had at least two daughters, who were living with their parents in 1820. Henry Clay Ragland, *History of Logan County,* says that Adam Runyon had two daughters, Christina and Anna, who never married. The

1820 U.S. Census of Cabell County lists Adam Runyon with two daughters under ten years of age.

ADAM RUNYON, JR. (1800?–95?)

Son of Adam and Elizabeth (Davis) Runyon

ADAM RUNYON, JR., was born *circa* 1800 in North Carolina, and died about 1895 or afterwards in Martin County, Kentucky. Adam, when a lad, came with his parents to Pigeon Creek, then in Cabell County, Virginia, now in Mingo County, West Virginia. He married (1st) Martha Harris, daughter of Simon Harris, September 10, 1825, in Pike County, Kentucky, and afterwards lived on the waters of Pigeon Creek, where they are listed in the 1830 U.S. Census of Logan County, with one daughter.

Adam and Martha may have had other children than are listed below. Their marriage was annulled by the Circuit Court of Pike County during the July, 1837, term. The 1850 U.S. Census of Logan County lists Martha living with James Slater. The date of their marriage is not known.

The children of Adam and Martha (Harris) Runyon were:

1. Polly, born August 4, 1826. She married Clay Farley in Logan County in 1844. He was born March 6, 1819, in Logan County and died July 6, 1891, in Martin County. Clay served in the Civil War as a private in Company I, 39th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. They lived and died in Martin County, where many of their descendants reside.

2. Emeriah, born *circa* 1828. She married Daniel Harman March 10, 1844, in Pike County. They lived in Martin County, where many of their descendants reside.

3. Uriah, 1830–6?.

4. Lewis G., 1831–.

Adam, Jr., married (2nd) Wealthy Aldridge, a widow, September 14, 1839, in Pike County. Wealthy had a son by her first husband, Ali Aldridge, and it is thought that she was a daughter of James Muncy. Adam and Wealthy were

living in Pike County in 1840; later they moved to the waters of Wolf Creek, Lawrence County, Kentucky, which later became a part of Martin County. Adam was granted fifty acres of land on Embley's Fork (Emily Fork) of Wolf Creek August 12, 1858. Adam and Wealthy sold their land March 7, 1860, to Moses Parsley.

Adam, Jr., and his family moved to Pigeon Creek in the spring of 1860, where he and his family are listed in the U.S. Census. He enlisted in the Union Army and served during the Civil War. It has been traditionally reported that Adam was received into the Army five years under his actual age.

Wealthy died before 1878, and Adam lived with his son, John W.; Adam later went to Minnesota to visit his son Alexander. After his visit, he returned to the vicinity of his old homestead, where he died at the age of ninety-five or more. Some of Adam's descendants say that he was more than 100 years of age at his death. Both Adam, Jr., and Wealthy are buried on Nat's Creek, near Peach Orchard, Martin County.

The children of Adam and Wealthy (Aldridge) Runyon were:

1. Saulsburry, born in 1840, probably in Pike County. He enlisted in the Union Army and served during the Civil War. He may not have married.

2. Haraford (Heniford), born in 1842. He enlisted in the Union Army and served during the Civil War. Haraford married Julia ("Jewell") Fitchpatrick in 1867 in Lawrence County, Kentucky. They had one son, Jackson, born in 1870, near Peach Orchard. After the birth of Jackson, Haraford was killed by a train near Peach Orchard. Jackson married Agnus Fitchpatrick September 25, 1893, in Lawrence County. Agnus was born in 1875. Their children were: (*aa*) Charles. (*bb*) Thomas. (*cc*) Jacob. (*dd*) Frank. (*ee*) Jackson, Jr. (*ff*) Lola, who married Henry Pack. (*gg*) Panola, who married Frank Childers. (*hh*) Mary, who married Jasper Hinkle. (*ii*) Effie, unmarried.

3. Alexander ("Alex"), born in 1845. He served in the

Union Army during the Civil War. After the Civil War, Alexander emigrated with Benjamin Maynard and his family to Todd County, Minnesota, and later married Esther Maynard, Benjamin's daughter. Alexander and Esther had two sons: (*a*) Claude, born in Todd County. When a young man he visited his relatives in Martin County and returned to Minnesota. (*b*) Amos. We have no information of this son, excepting the assurance of a cousin, Mildred Maynard of Marysville, California, that there was such a son. Alexander and Esther separated and he returned to Martin County, where he married (2nd) Margaret Meade May 30, 1885. After her death he married (3rd) Mary Davis, daughter of James Davis, June 8, 1903. They lived on the waters of Wolf Creek, where Alexander died and is buried. The children of Alexander and Margaret (Meade) Runyon were: (*a*) Charles, who was killed near Dingess, West Virginia, many years ago. (*b*) Thomas Garfield, married Anne Howard, daughter of Elijah Howard, February 28, 1894. (*c*) Haraford. (*d*) George W., married Jane Canada May 13, 1890, in Martin County. (*e*) Hattie. (*f*) Wealthy.

4. Mariah (Maria), born in 1846, in Lawrence County. She married a Mr. Burgett of Wolf Creek. No further record.

5. Caroline, born in 1848, in Lawrence County. She married a Mr. Borders of Lawrence County. No further record.

6. William Henry Harrison, born in 1851 in Lawrence County. He married Sarah ("Sally") Aldridge, daughter of James H. Aldridge, December 17, 1872, in Martin County. Their children were: (*a*) Adam, married Nancy Ann Curry December 9, 1901, in Logan County. After his marriage he lived many years on Island Creek, Logan County. He was a neighbor and friend of "Devil" Anse Hatfield. He is now more than seventy-six years old and resides on Little Petercave Fork of Wolf Creek, Martin County, where he cultivates tobacco. Their children are: (*aa*) Harrison, born in 1901, and died in 1946. He married Grace Johnson. (*bb*) Derlie, born in 1903, married Floyd Thompson. (*cc*) Alfred, born in 1905. Unmarried. (*dd*) Cletus, born in 1907, mar-

ried Hattie McNeeley. (*ee*) Lillian ("Lilly"), born in 1909, married Jackson ("Jack") Priest (*ff*) Twilly, born in 1911, married Peter Booth. (gg) Milly, born in 1913, and died young. (*b*) Sadie, married David ("Dave") Jude. They reside on Little Petercave Fork of Wolf Creek. (*c*) Florence, married John Runyon of Pigeon Creek, Mingo County, West Virginia. (*d*) Tennessee, married and resides in Columbus, Ohio. (*e*) Molly, married (1st) Calloway Maynard and (2nd) Elby Parsley. (*f*) Exer, married a Mr. Crum of Martin County. (g) Myrtle, unmarried.

7. Matilda J., born in 1853. She married (1st) Wallace Borders and (2nd) Wallace Fitch. No further record.

8. James Bertrand, born in 1855. He married Anna Boyd, daughter of Ison Boyd, February 13, 1888, in Lawrence County. They reside on Rockhouse Fork of Rockcastle Creek, Martin County, near his brother John's residence. Their children are: (*a*) Mary, married William ("Bill") Fields, of Martin County, in 1903 and lived near Tomahawk, Kentucky. (*b*) Lewis Farley, a half brother to Mary, resides at Pounding Mill, just below Freeburn, Kentucky.

9. John W., born in 1855. He was a twin to James Bertrand. He married Mary M. Williamson December 25, 1878, in Martin County. The marriage bond was signed by James Williamson. Mary M. was ninety-one years old in 1952 and was the source of much of the Adam Runyon information. The children of John W. and Mary (Williamson) Runyon are: (*a*) Acquilla, married Samuel Prater, son of Dr. Prater, of Lawrence County. Their children are: (*aa*) Aubery. (*bb*) John. (*cc*) Izella, died young. (*b*) Wealthy, married Clarence Hinkle, and they lived on Nat's Creek.

10. Margaret, born in 1858 in Lawrence County. No further record.

There was a child, Arena, born in 1838, who lived with Adam and Wealthy (Aldridge) Runyon. She may have been a daughter of Wealthy Aldridge and assumed the name Runyon. Evidently, she later married and had at least two children: (*aa*) Mary Jane, born in 1855. (*bb*) Chloe Ann, born in 1858, in Lawrence County.

URIAH RUNYON (1830?–6?)

Son of Adam and Martha (Harris) Runyon, Jr.

Uriah Runyon was born *circa* 1830. He married Sally Roberts in Logan County, Virginia. Uriah was granted 200 acres of land on the waters of Embley's Fork (now known as Emily Fork) of Wolf Creek, Lawrence County (now Martin County), Kentucky, August 12, 1858. He sold his land to Moses Parsley March 7, 1860. Uriah enlisted in the Union Army and served as a captain. While commanding troops in Pike County, he was killed during a skirmish with the enemy near Toler, on Pond Creek. He was buried near the place where he was killed, and later his body was taken to the Old Apple Orchard Cemetery on Brushy Creek, Pike County, and buried. The date of his birth and death is reported to be inscribed on his gravestone.

The children of Uriah and Sally (Roberts) Runyon were:

1. Missouri, born *circa* 1859, in Lawrence County. She married Henry Shannon Butcher May 17, 1880, in Logan County, West Virginia. They lived in the vicinity of Williamson, West Virginia.
2. John B. ("Bud"), 1861–1936.

JOHN B. RUNYON (1861–1936)

Son of Uriah and Sally (Roberts) Runyon

John B. ("Bud") Runyon was born *circa* 1861 and died in 1936. He married Martha Butcher in Pike County, Kentucky, July 23, 1881. They lived for years near Tug River, at or near the present site of South Williamson, Kentucky. Their children are:

1. A daughter, born *circa* 1883 and died young.
2. Robert, born in 1885 and died *circa* 1945. He married (1st) Minnie Alley, daughter of Benjamin Alley, of South Williamson, September 2, 1908; and (2nd) Dixie McCoy July 13, 1918. Both marriages were performed in Williamson, West Virginia. The children of Robert were: (*a*) Min-

nie, married and resides in Lexington, Kentucky. (*b*) Paul. (*c*) Robert, Jr.

3. Amos, born August 28, 1888. He married Ertley Gooslin August 22, 1910, at Williamson, and they reside in South Williamson. Their children are: (*a*) Reaford, born July 3, 1911. He married Madelyn Bailey May 6, 1935. (*b*) Ruth, born January 21, 1913. She married Luther Queen. (*c*) Woodrow, born October 12, 1915. He married Lillian Cross in January, 1942. Woodrow served in the Air Force during World War II, was shot down in Germany, and imprisoned. He is employed by the Eastern Coal Corporation at Stone, Kentucky. (*d*) Clara Jeanette, born November 10, 1918. She married (1st) Clarence Phillips in August, 1938, and (2nd) James D. Williamson September 21, 1949. (*e*) Glenna Lucille, born April 28, 1920, and died January 28, 1933. (*f*) Helen Ann, born November 4, 1931. She married J. R. Blackburn September 22, 1950.

4. J. P., born *circa* 1892 and died November 15, 1925. He married May Beaty November 17, 1919, at Williamson. She was originally of Flemingsburg, Kentucky, and later of Williamson. Their children are: (*a*) Elwin ("Sonny"), born June 16, 1923, and is married. (*b*) Violet, born October 26, 1920. She married Abe Cyrus and they reside at Cyrus, West Virginia.

5. Sidney L., born March 15, 1894. He married Mary Gooslin November 7, 1918, in Williamson. Mary died April 1, 1936. Their children are: (*a*) Margaret May, born in 1919 and died the same year. (*b*) Sidney L., Jr., born January 4, 1922. He married a Miss Chaffin, and they reside in Cleveland, Ohio. (*c*) Clyde Curtis, born November 29, 1935.

LEWIS G. RUNYON (1831–?)

Son of Adam and Martha (Harris) Runyon

Lewis G. Runyon was born in 1831 in Logan County, Virginia. In 1850 Lewis G. was living at the home of Clay Fer-

rell in Pike County, Kentucky. He married Elvira Maynard, daughter of Benjamin Maynard, of Brushy Creek, Pike County. Their marriage record is found at the County Court clerk's office in Cabell County, West Virginia, under the date of February 26, 1855. Benjamin Maynard and his family migrated to Minnesota during the Civil War.

Lewis G. served in the Confederate Army. He was granted 250 acres of land on Runyon's Branch, Pike County. Lewis G. and his wife reared a large family and many of their descendants reside in that region of Kentucky.

The children of Lewis G. and Elvira (Maynard) Runyon were:

1. Mattie Elizabeth, born in January, 1857, and died June 24, 1898. She married William Moses Ford November 2, 1881, in Pike County. They lived on Johns Creek, Pike County.

2. Florence Virginia, born January 23, 1859, and died November 21, 1934. She married Thomas B. May January 2, 1878, at her parents' residence. Thomas B. and Florence Virginia (Runyon) May were parents of Mrs. Myrtle Walker; Mrs. Maude Stone, of Pikeville, Kentucky; Mrs. Dewey Randolph, of Williamson; and Mrs. Sweet May Smith, a teacher at the Johns Creek High School.

3. Mary Eliza, born May 18, 1860, and died March 28, 1932. She married William R. May, of Johns Creek, September 15, 1881. Their home was the same farm now owned and operated by the Pikeville College. They were parents of Mousie Verna May, a teacher in the Phelps, Kentucky, High School, and the source of much of the information on the Lewis G. Runyon family.

4. Robert E., born January 26, 1867, and died in 1924 in Russell County,Virginia. He married Rhoda Boyd, daughter of Elijah and Octavia Boyd, January 30, 1890, in Russell County. They owned land and lived and died on Sword Creek, Russell County. Their children are: (*a*) Luther. (*b*) Ernest. (*c*) Estell. (*d*) Ruby. (*e*) Pearl. (*f*) Dora. (*g*) Virginia. (*h*) Mildred. (*i*) Robert. Robert E. Runyon's will is

recorded in Will Book No. 15, page 294, in Russell County.

5. Benjamin W., born December 3, 1869, and died July 28, 1919, at Elkhorn City, Kentucky, where he operated a hotel for many years. He had taught school in his younger days, and for some years he operated a store in Williamson.

6. Dixie, born December 13, 1875, in Pike County, and died in 1905. She is buried in the Springhill Cemetery at Huntington, West Virginia. She married James Auburn Chambers, of Mingo County, April 20, 1898 in Pike County.

7. Lewis G., Jr., (Turner), born in 1878 and died in 1897. He enlisted in the Army during the Spanish-American War and died in service.

8. J. Claude, born August 26, 1881, and died in September, 1939. He is buried in the Mayflower Cemetery on the farm of Ingram Leslie on Johns Creek. He married Lilly Leslie, daughter of John Leslie, of Gulnare, Kentucky. They were married at her parents' residence. They resided at Gulnare and reared a large family, among whom are J. A. Runyon, Commonwealth's Attorney for Pike County; L. A. Runyon, a twin to J. A., Assistant Postmaster of Pikeville, Kentucky; Dr. Leon Runyon, late of Lexington, Kentucky; Dr. J. M. Runyon, a dentist of Williamson; and Vina Elizabeth Burchett, of Gulnare, a teacher in the Pike County Schools.

ALEXANDER RUNYON (1808?–80)

Son of Adam and Elizabeth (Davis) Runyon

Alexander Runyon was born in 1808, or perhaps before, and died in 1880. He was born in Virginia, most likely in Tazewell County, where his parents lived for a while. Alexander came with his parents to Pigeon Creek, then in Cabell County, Virginia, soon after 1811. He married (1st) Sarah ("Sally") Starr July 2, 1827, in Pike County. She was born *circa* 1808 in Virginia, and died *circa* 1868 in Logan County, West Virginia. Alexander was granted 1,443

acres of land on the waters of Pigeon Creek, now in Mingo County, West Virginia, where he lived and died. He served as justice of the peace in Logan County from December 29, 1859 to October 2, 1869, or longer. The 1830 U.S. Census of Logan County lists Alexander, his wife, and one daughter. The deed records of Logan County indicate that Alexander and Sarah (Starr) Runyon had ten children.

After the death of Sarah, Alexander married (2nd) Nancy Shepherd *circa* 1868 in Logan County.

Alexander executed deeds for parcels of land in which he retained control until his death to his son, John Tyler, August 3, 1867; Julia Ann, his daughter (date missing); and Henry, his son, October 7, 1867. He also conveyed by deed a parcel of land to Jane Runyon June 19, 1868, without restrictions.

The children of Alexander and Sarah (Starr) Runyon are:

1. Polly, born *circa* 1829 and died in 1909. She married William ("Bill") Ooten before 1850. To this union three sons and two daughters were born.

2. William Calahan, 1832–?.

3. Julia Ann, born in 1836 and died in 1917. She married Allen Shepherd, and they had four sons and two daughters.

4. Henry C., 1838–1918.

5. Arisby, born in 1840. She married her cousin, William Runyon, son of John and Catherine (Meade) Runyon, *circa* 1860, and they reared a large family.

6. Greenville, born in 1843. He married Julia Ann (surname unknown) *circa* 1860. Greenville enlisted in the Confederate Army and was killed during the Civil War. No issue.

7. Sarah, born in 1844 and died in 1898. She married Thomas Brewster. Issue.

8. Conrad ("Coon"), born in 1845 and died 1919. He married (1st) Sarah A. Duncan. She was born in 1848. Their children were: (*a*) Lucinda, born in 1868. (*b*) James Montreville, born in 1870. He married Martha Starr in Oc-

tober, 1892, in Logan County. Conrad married (2nd) Polly Ann Rucus June 18, 1878. Conrad served as a Union soldier during the Civil War. He was a minister of the gospel and reared a large family.

9. John Tyler, born in 1848. He married Lucinda Staten *circa* 1867. Their children were: (*a*) Melvin, born in 1868. (*b*) Chloe Ann, born in 1870. She married John B. Maynard August 5, 1891. (*c*) William E., born in 1873. He married Martha Shepherd in January, 1893. (*d*) John W., born *circa* 1876. He married Amy Ferrell in February, 1895. (*e*) Danfin. (*f*) Floyd. (*g*) Wallace. (*h*) George.

10. Adam, born in 1850. He married Emily Varney. Their daughter, Yantis, was born *circa* 1870. She married Finley Shepherd, son of Allen and Julia Ann (Runyon) Shepherd, December 24, 1888. Adam and Emily (Varney) Runyon had other children.

The children of Alexander and Nancy (Shepherd) Runyon are:

1. Joseph, born in 1869. He married Angelina Evans March 14,1890, in Logan County.

2. Jacob, 1871–1944.

3. Mary, born May 18, 1872, and died March 10, 1955. She married Andy J. Maynard in 1884. He died in 1924. Their children were: (*a*) Mrs. Nan Preece. (*b*) Mrs. Wallace Webb. (*c*) Mrs. Noah Jewell, of Delbarton, West Virginia. (*d*) Mrs. C. B. Roberts, of St. Petersburg, Florida. (*e*) J. A. (*f*) John H. (*g*) W. B. (*h*) James. (*i*) Robert. (*j*) C. D. (*k*) Sam Jack. They all reside in Mingo and Logan counties.

4. Martha Ann Frances, born *circa* 1874. She married (1st) Wallace Evans and (2nd) Samuel Gillman March 14, 1899, in Mingo County. They had several children. She died in 1942.

5. Elizabeth, born January 22, 1881, and died April 4, 1920. She married Hiram ("Hi") Maynard, and they had ten children. Hiram was a Baptist minister, and their home was on Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek, Mingo County.

WILLIAM CALAHAN RUNYON (1832–?)

Son of Alexander and Sarah (Starr) Runyon

William Calahan Runyon was born in 1832. He married (1st) Martha Jane ("Jennie") Varney, daughter of Alexander and Susannah (Runyon) Varney, *circa* 1847 in Logan County, Virginia. Martha Jane was born in 1826 in Pike County, Kentucky. Her mother was a daughter of John Runyon, of Pond Creek, and a sister to Adron Runyon. William Calahan and his wife separated in 1870 or before, and he married (2nd) Chloe Altemirah Varnatter.

The children of William Calahan and Martha Jane (Varney) Runyon were:

1. Mahulda, born in 1848. She married Madison (or Mattison) Duncan, and they had three children: (*a*) Mont. (*b*) Susan. (*c*) Juliana.

2. Sarah Ann, born in 1850. She married Rush Floyd, Sr., and they had three children: (*a*) Rush. (*b*) Nora. (*c*) G. A. R. Floyd, who died in 1919. Sarah Ann died *circa* 1911.

3. Susan, born in 1852 and died *circa* 1902. She married Lewis Dempsey, and they had four children: (*a*) Bertha. (*b*) Tabitha. (*c*) Mary. (*d*) Conrad.

4. Alexander, born in 1854. He married Jane Runyon, daughter of Henry C. and Sarah (Simpson) Runyon.

5. Levisa Jane, born in 1856 and died in 1922 or 1923. She married John Kimbleton July 30, 1885, in Logan County. They had three daughters: (*a*) Jennie. (*b*) Laura. (*c*) Myrtle.

6. Greenville, born in 1860 and died *circa* 1937 in McDowell County, West Virginia. He married Sarah White August 2, 1883, in Logan County, and they had three daughters: (*a*) Rosa. (*b*) Daisy. (*c*) Cora. After the death of his wife, Greenville married (2nd) Melissa Gilson.

7. Polly, born in 1861 and died in 1945. She married Rhodes Estep November 18, 1880, in Logan County. Twelve children were born to this union.

8. Albert, 1865–1948.

9. Martha Jane, born in 1868. She married (1st) Joe (Pluckett) Canterbury, and they had three sons: (*a*) Edward. (*b*) Jesse. (*c*) Columbus. She married (2nd) William ("Bill") Evans, and they had three children: (*a*) Rose. (*b*) Virginia. (*c*) Orville.

10. Mary Columbia, born *circa* 1870. She married Paul C. Runyon December 19, 1889, in Logan County. Paul C. was a son of Henry C. and Sarah (Simpkins) Runyon, and a first cousin of Mary C.

The children of William Calahan and Chloe Altemirah (Vernatter) Runyon were:

1. John, born *circa* 1874. He married Florence Runyon, daughter of William Henry Harrison and Sarah (Aldridge) Runyon, in March, 1893, in Logan County.

2. Allen J., born *circa* 1876. He married (1st) Julia Evans March 25, 1898, in Mingo County; (2nd) Cora Adkins in 1907 in Logan County; and (3rd) Columbia Floyd March 7, 1917, in Mingo County. Allen J. had four daughters by his first wife, and had three daughters by his second wife. There was no issue by his third marriage.

3. William C., Jr., born *circa* 1878 and died in 1943. He married Nancy Ward and lived in McDowell County, West Virginia.

4. Ludyvene, born *circa* 1880. She married Alexander ("Alex") Ooten, and they had no children.

William Calahan married (3rd) Polly Belcher, daughter of Lewis and Minerva Belcher. No issue.

ALBERT RUNYON (1865–1948)

Son of William C. and Martha Jane (Varney) Runyon

Albert Runyon was born May 31, 1865, and died April 6, 1948. He is buried in the family burial ground at the mouth of Rife's Branch of Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek. He married Mary C. Curry, July 9, 1884, in Logan County, West Virginia. She was born April 18, 1869, and died April 24, 1933. Albert was a Baptist minister of the gospel.

The children of Albert and Mary C. (Curry) Runyon were:

1. Joseph A., born May 11, 1887. He married (1st) Victoria Bishop, daughter of James and Sarah Bishop, April 29, 1907, at Welch, West Virginia, and they had nine children. Joseph A. married (2nd) Jeanette Jenkins.

2. William V., born Febrbuary 29, 1889. He married (1st) Kansas Justice in 1913, and they had five children; (2nd) Susie Ball.

3. Rush, born December 29, 1890. He married (1st) Martha Hannah December 22, 1911, in Logan County, and they had seven children. Martha died, and Rush married (2nd) Lucy (surname unknown).

4. Mariah Jane, born March 28, 1893. She married Joseph Blair May 23, 1910, in Mingo County. They have five children.

5. Troy Lee, born January 15, 1895. He married Louisa Hunt, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Runyon) Hunt November 24, 1921, and they have two children.

6. Ida, born June 10, 1896. She married Joseph Mullins September 20, 1916, and they have twelve children.

7. Melissa and Mary, twin girls, born April 6, 1898, and died at birth.

8. Cecil, born July 6, 1899. He married Minnie Hunt June 1, 1921, and they have nine children.

9. Sarah Pearl, born April 11, 1901. She married Thomas J. Davis October 19, 1917, and they have ten children.

10. Effie, born March 10, 1903. She married (1st) Earl T. Bunn June 9, 1920. He died without issue. She married (2nd) L. G. Mullins of Russell, Kentucky, March 9, 1953.

11. Esther, born November 26, 1904. She married Robert E. Kelly June 28, 1929, and they have four children.

12. Roxie Lecy, born June 14, 1908. She married Harvey G. Riley July 28, 1930, and they have six children.

13. Columbia C., born December 28, 1909. She married Golden Clark June 27, 1929, and they had three children when Golden died.

14. Woodrow Wilson, born December 23, 1912. He mar-

ried Martha C. Eastridge January 10, 1931, and they have three children.

15. Martha, born June 21, 1914, and died October 4, 1915.

HENRY C. RUNYON (1838–1918)

Son of Alexander and Sarah (Starr) Runyon

Henry C. Runyon was born in 1838 and died in 1918. He married Sarah Simpkins *circa* 1858 in Logan County, West Virginia. She was born in 1840. Their children were:

1. America, born in 1859 and died in 1876, unmarried.
2. Jane, born in 1861 and died in February, 1929. She married Alexander Runyon, son of William C. and Martha Jane (Varney) Runyon.
3. Rebecca, born in 1865 and died in 1912. She married Joseph Starr.
4. Nancy, born in 1867 and died in 1949. She married Floyd Mount November 28, 1886, in Logan County.
5. Paul C., born in 1868 and died in 1935. He married Mary Columbia Runyon, daughter of William Calahan and Martha Jane (Varney) Runyon, December 19, 1889, in Logan County.
6. Adam, born in 1869. He taught school and never married.
7. Alexander, born in 1871 and died in 1942. He married Roxie Starr in February, 1893, in Logan County.
8. Theodosia ("Dosha"), born in 1873 and died in 1951. She married Henry York September 8, 1896, in Mingo County, West Virginia.
9. Mary, born in 1875. She married Samuel Starr November 6, 1895, in Mingo County.
10. Stella, born in 1876. Unmarried.
11. Richard, born *circa* 1877. He married Julia Starr August 14, 1899, in Mingo County.
12. Sallie, born in October, 1882. She married Steve Spence February 16, 1914, in Mingo County.

Data contributed by Nancy (Runyon) Watts.

JACOB RUNYON (1871–1944)

Son of Alexander and Nancy (Shepherd) Runyon

JACOB RUNYON was born January 22, 1871, and died May 26, 1944. He married Columbia White, daughter of David and Julia Ann ("Juliane") (Runyon) White, April 21, 1891, in Logan County, West Virginia. She died July 8, 1910. They lived on Rife's Branch of Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek, at or near the homestead of his father. Julia Ann was a daughter of John A. and Catherine (Meade) Runyon and a granddaughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Davis) Runyon.

The children of Jacob and Columbia (White) Runyon are:

1. Octavia, born January 5, 1895. She married (1st) Jackson ("Jack") Satterfield; and (2nd) Alexander Simpson, and they have one son, John Simpson.

2. Nancy, born September 23, 1897. She married Scott C. Watts January 1, 1920. Nancy is a teacher in Mingo County schools. They reside on Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek, near the old homestead of her father and grandfather. Their children are: (*a*) Leon, born March 12, 1921. (*b*) Bessie Norene, born May 21, 1927. (*c*) Scott C., Jr., born December 31, 1928. (*d*) Jake Taylor, born December 21, 1935. The first two children were born in Logan County and the latter two were born in Mingo County.

3. Jacob K. ("Jake"), born January 26, 1900. He married (1st) Esta Terry. Their children are: (*a*) Mildred, married a Mr. Zoller. (*b*) John J., married Elizabeth Baker. (*c*) Jacob K. III, married Sylvia Anderson, and they reside in Los Angeles, California. Jacob married (2nd) Kathleen Mooney September 3, 1944, and they reside in Logan, West Virginia.

4. Bessie, born June 26, 1902. She married C. B. Stewart October 7, 1925, in Logan County. They have one daughter.

5. David S., born May 23, 1905. He married Anna Williams June 4, 1929. They reside in Williamson, West Virginia, where David operates a furniture store. They have one son, James Hamlet, born January 8, 1931. He married

Barbara Tackett July 3, 1949, and they have one son, David Allen, born May 5, 1950. James Hamlet is now serving in the U.S. Army.

6. Martha ("Mattie"), born September 22, 1907, and died September 27, 1939. She married Furlo Adkins January 1, 1930. Furlo died December 18, 1944.

JOHN A. RUNYON (1818?–?)

Son of Adam and Elizabeth (Davis) Runyon

John A. Runyon was born *circa* 1818, probably on Pigeon Creek, Cabell County, Virginia. John A. married Catherine Meade *circa* 1835, and to this union four children were born. Soon after the birth of the youngest child, John was murdered by George Aldridge, near the present site of Lenore, West Virginia. Their children were:

1. Samuel, born in 1836. He married (1st) Unitha Chafins *circa* 1856 in Logan County; and (2nd) Leoty Newsome September 29, 1873. The children of Samuel and Unitha (Chafins) Runyon were: (*a*) Sarah J., born in 1857. (*b*) John B., born in 1864. (*c*) Joshua, born in 1866. He married Christina Hamilton August 11, 1892, in Logan County. (*d*) Nathan, born in 1868. (*e*) Samuel, Jr., born in 1870 and died February 15, 1953. He married Adaline Evans in November, 1893, in Logan County. Their children are: (*aa*) Melvin, dead. (*bb*) Cordia, married Riley Evans March 4, 1914, in Mingo County, West Virginia, and they reside in Williamson, West Virginia. (*cc*) Roy, who resides at Holden, West Virginia. (*dd*) Jesse, who resides in Holden. Perhaps there were other children.

The 1870 U.S. Census of Logan County lists Catherine Runyon living with Samuel and Unitha (Chafins) Runyon. Catherine was born in 1851 and may have been a daughter of John A. and Catherine (Meade) Runyon.

2. William, born in 1840. He married Arisby Runyon, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Starr) Runyon *circa*

1860. Their children were: (*a*) Sally, born in 1861, married George W. Meade July 31, 1883. (*b*) Matilda Catherine, born in 1863, married Thomas Marcum November 26, 1886. (*c*) John Tyler, born in 1864. (*d*) Rosa, born in 1868, married Silas Marcum. (*e*) Roxie, born in 1868, married Samuel White January 6, 1890. (*f*) Harrison M., born August 13, 1870, and died in 1948 at Parsley, West Virginia. He married Ruth Louisa Hardin August 21, 1892, in Martin County, Kentucky. (g) Andrew W., born *circa* 1873, married (1st) Yantis Runyon in 1892; (2nd) Sally Burget December 3, 1901, in Mingo County; and (3rd) Rhoda White, daughter of William and Mary (Evans) White August 6, 1916, in Martin County. (*h*) Thomas, born *circa* 1877 and died in 1948. (*i*) Jerusha, born February 18, 1881, married Matt Mounts, and they reside on Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek.

3. Julia Ann ("Juliane"), born in 1853. She married David White in Logan County, and they were the parents of Columbia White, who married Jacob Runyon, son of Alexander and Nancy (Shepherd) Runyon.

4. Sarah J., born *circa* 1857, married Greenville Newsome July 17, 1874, in Logan County.

BENJAMIN RUNYON (1776?–?)

Benjamin Runyon married Polly Lusk January 6, 1807, in Tazewell County, Virginia, with Henry Harman officiating. Benjamin and his wife lived on the waters of Bluestone Creek, where he purchased 100 acres of land from William Milam and his wife, Patsy, August 20, 1831. The 1820 U.S. Census of Tazewell County lists Benjamin and his wife without children. The 1830 census lists them with one female child about ten years of age. The census records indicate that Benjamin was born *circa* 1776 and his wife *circa* 1775. He is not shown on the census records after 1830. Also, Benjamin's name has not been found on the tax rolls of Tazewell County after 1832.

CHARITY RUNYON (17?–?)

Charity Runyon married William Lusk December 25, 1806, in Tazewell County, Virginia. They reared a large family and lived on the waters of Bluestone Creek not far from the town of Tazewell.

SALLY RUNYON (17?–?)

Sally Runyon married Richard Lambert March 16, 1820, with John Perry officiating. Nothing further is known of this couple.

THOMAS RUNYON (1829?–?)

Thomas Runyon was born *circa* 1829 in Logan County, West Virginia. He married (1st) Milly T. Havins, daughter of Mary Havins, June 19, 1856, in Pike County, Kentucky. Thomas and Milly lived on Fall Rock Branch of Louisa Fork, Lawrence County, Kentucky, until about 1871. They owned land there and sold their holdings to George W. Thompson April 27, 1871. Thomas signed the deed of conveyance and Milly signed by her mark. Milly may have died soon afterward, because Thomas returned to Pike County, where he married (2nd) Polly Thacker November 28, 1871. She was probably a daughter of Nathaniel Thacker. Thomas, in his application for a marriage license, stated that Polly's mother was born in Ashe County, North Carolina. He gave his age as forty-two years, and his birthplace as Logan County. The names of his parents are unknown; however, he may have been a son of Joseph Runyon, who married Rebecca Adkins in 1827, and their marriage is recorded in Cabell County, West Virginia.

Flemon Stone married Mary E. Runyon October 17, 1872, in Pike County. Thomas Runyon signed the marriage

bond. The application for a marriage license gives Mary E. Runyon's age as fourteen years, and states that her father was born in Logan County, Virginia. This indicates that Mary E. may have been a daughter of Thomas and Milly T. (Havins) Runyon.

V : ISAAC RUNYON

Isaac Runyon was born in New Jersey *circa* 1738; the name of his parents and wife are unknown. In his application for a pension for service in the Revolutionary War he stated that he had served two months in Captain Bruce's company of militia in New Jersey. Soon afterwards he emigrated to Montgomery County, Virginia, and there enlisted in Col. William Campbell's regiment of Virginia militia and made a tour to North Carolina. Later he enlisted in Captain Frederick Edward's company of militia, which was attached to Col. Walter Crockett's regiment of Virginia militia, and made a second tour to North Carolina. Isaac also served one month on the Virginia frontier in Captain Edward's company. Captain Edward's muster roll, dated March 26, 1781, shows Isaac and John Runion as privates.

On November 7, 1785, Isaac Runyon purchased eighty acres of land on Peek Creek, a branch of New River, in Montgomery County from Thomas Griffin for the sum of fifty pounds current money of Virginia. However, the deed record of Montgomery County indicates that Isaac sold this same parcel of land to James Kennard February 2, 1789, for forty-five pounds.

It appears that Isaac continued to live in Montgomery County, or that part which later became a part of Wythe County, at or near Pine Run, until about 1804. His name was first listed on the tax rolls of Tazewell County, Virginia, in 1806.

Isaac applied to the Virginia legislature for a pension December 8, 1819. His petition was referred to the Committee of Claims December 15, 1819, reported December 17, and the bill was drawn December 20, 1819. The petition for his pension was from Tazewell County.

In a supporting affidavit to Isaac's application for a pension, J. Prestoke, who had served in the same company of militia, stated that he thought that Isaac was the father of John Runion, who had also served in the militia with Isaac.

Isaac probably died soon after 1820. His name was not listed on the poll tax list of Tazewell County after 1817.

So far, no authentic list of the names of his children has been found. The early marriage records of Montgomery County give only meager evidence of some of Isaac's children, and the successive order of their births is not known. The data relative to Isaac has been compiled from public records, and further search may reveal other important records. Many descendants reside in Pulaski County and other counties of western Virginia. An arbitrary list of the children of Isaac Runyon includes:

1. Massie, married John Masoner July 1, 1789, in Montgomery County, with Edward Morgan officiating. It was a church wedding and no bond exists. John Masoner served in Captain Edward's company with Isaac and John Runyon.

2. Mary, married William Brabston August 5, 1788, in Montgomery County. Adren Runyon signed the marriage bond with William Brabston, and Abram Tugg was a witness. Adren may have been a son of Isaac.

3. Isaac, Jr., born before 1770, probably in New Jersey. He married Mary Smith October 10, 1797, in Montgomery County. James Smith, her father, signed the marriage bond. John M. Taylor, D.C., signed as a witness. The 1810 and 1820 U.S. Censuses show Isaac, Jr., living in Wythe County with his family. The 1830 census lists Isaac, Jr., living in Russell County, Virginia. He was then more than sixty years of age, and probably died there. Their children include: (*a*) Joseph. (*b*) James. (*c*) David.

4. At a double wedding on April 7, 1798, Rebecca Runyon married Benjamin Carden, probably a son of Edward Carden, who signed the marriage bond.

5. Richard, married Hannah Carden, a sister of the above mentioned Benjamin Carden. Isaac Runyon, Sr., signed the marriage bond, and Aaron Graham was a witness. Richard

and Hannah (Carden) Runyon lived many years in Montgomery County, in that part which later became Pulaski County, Virginia. They owned land in Montgomery County not far from the Wythe County line. Richard purchased from John Grayson, *et al.*, 283 acres of land located on the west side of New River in Montgomery County August 7, 1804. The deed of conveyance was signed by John and Sarah Grayson and the consideration was $1,000. The 1850 census listed Richard living with his son William in Pulaski County, Virginia. Richard was then seventy-five years of age. Their children were: (*a*) Anna, married James Farmer November 30, 1818 in Montgomery County. Richard was witness to the marriage. (*b*) Mary, married Elijah Farmer March 6, 1819, in Montgomery County. James Farmer signed the marriage bond. Richard, Mary's father, and Barnett Farmer, Elijah's father, gave their written consent. (*c*) Stephen, married Nancy Farmer March 6, 1819. James Farmer signed the marriage bond, and Barnett Farmer gave his written consent for his daughter, Nancy, to marry Stephen. Stephen and his wife lived in Montgomery County or that part of Montgomery County which later became Pulaski County. Richard and Hannah (Carden) Runyon conveyed by deed their farm of 283 acres on the west side of New River to their son, Stephen, May 10, 1837. Stephen and his wife also lived in Giles County, Virginia, and owned 95 acres of land on Cave Branch, which was twenty-two miles southwest of the county courthouse in Pearisburg, Virginia. The 1850 U.S. Census of Giles County lists Stephen Runyon, his wife Nancy, and children. Stephen was fifty-one years of age, and Nancy was forty-nine. Their children were: (*aa*) William, married Orleany Bland in 1850. (*bb*) Aurencia, born in 1833. (*cc*) Hannah, born in 1831. (*dd*) Richard, born in 1833. The 1850 U.S. Census lists Aurencia and Richard as having been born the same year. They may have been twins. He married Elizabeth F. Privott in Mercer County, West Virginia, December 20, 1860. (*ee*) Elizabeth, born in 1835, married James Gussler March 6, 1852, in Giles County. (*ff*) Lucinda, born in 1840. John

Runyon, born in 1827, married Caroline Hamman January 20, 1849, in Giles County. They had one son, James S., born in 1850. John may have been a son of Stephen and Nancy (Farmer) Runyon. (*d*) James, married Sally Shepherd May 22, 1819, in Montgomery County. Frederick Shepherd signed the marriage bond. James and his wife were living in Montgomery County in 1820, and they may have lived in Pulaski County in later years. Pulaski County was organized in 1838. (*e*) Joseph, married Martha Ridpath March 8, 1824, in Montgomery County. James Ridpath signed the marriage bond. A Joseph Runyon lived in Russell County as early as 1827 and was appointed administrator of the estate of J. Jessee (or Jesser), October 13, 1827. Joseph, his wife, and two children were listed in the 1830 U.S. Census of Russell County. (*f*) William, married Martha Kelly June 11, 1834, in Wythe County. It was a church wedding, and the marriage certificate was not returned until September 1, 1834. Richard and Hannah (Carden) Runyon conveyed to William by deed a parcel of land situated near the Wythe County line for $50 and other considerations March 10, 1837. William and Martha were living in Pulaski County in 1850. Their children were: (*aa*) Ellitte, born in 1835. (*bb*) Gordan, born in 1837. (*cc*) Julia A., born in 1839. (*dd*) Alexander, born in 1841. (*ee*) Eliza, born in 1843. (*ff*) Cephas, born in 1844. William was born in 1807, and Martha in 1803. (*g*) Rebecca, married William Corder September 27, 1825, in Montgomery County, Virginia. Richard Runyon, her father, signed the marriage bond.

6. A double wedding was performed July 24, 1809. Joseph Runyon married Nancy Jacobs, and Dreny Evins married Theodosia Jacobs. Joseph was more than twenty-one years of age. Nancy was a daughter of Roley Jacobs, who gave his consent to the marriage. Theodosia Jacobs was Nancy's sister. The marriage bond was signed by Richard Runyon, Joseph's brother, who had permission from Roley Jacobs to secure the marriage license for the double wedding. Thomas Evins, Jr., was a witness; he may have been a brother of Dreny Evins.

Joseph and Nancy (Jacobs) Runyon lived in Wythe County until 1810, and then they moved to Tazewell County, where Joseph had purchased 150 acres of land from William Taylor and his wife October 28, 1809. The deed records of Tazewell County indicate that his land was situated in Abb's Valley. By 1825 Joseph had acquired 213 acres of land on Mud Fork of Bluestone Creek, which was fourteen miles northeast of the Tazewell County courthouse.

Joseph and his wife sold a parcel of land to Pleasant Franklin April 17, 1847. This was the same land that Joseph purchased from William Taylor and his wife. Nancy probably died before 1850, since she was not shown on the census for that year. Joseph and Nancy had issue, and from the U.S. Census records, it appears that they had two sons and five daughters. Joseph was born in 1881 in Montgomery County and died in Tazewell County early in 1853. John Knuckels was appointed administrator March 5, 1853, by the County Court of Tazewell County. Joseph A. Moore, David P. Waggoner, and Richard Tabor were appointed appraisers. Joseph's personal property was appraised and later disposed of by the administrator, but the 213 acres of land were not mentioned in the list of his property. The land was carried on the tax rolls a few years after Joseph's death as the Joseph Runyon estate. Mystery surrounds the disposal of Joseph's real estate not mentioned by the appraisers.

John Runyon, Joseph's brother, died at or near the same location and time as Joseph's death occurred.

The children of Joseph and Nancy (Jacobs) Runyon were: (*a*) Charity, married William Tabor October 30, 1834, in Tazewell County. (*b*) Elizabeth K., married Harden Knuckels April 16, 1835 in Tazewell County. (*c*) Nancy, married Harrison Tabor November 3, 1840 in Tazewell County. (*d*) Martha, married Lewis Belcher December 3, 1840, in Tazewell County. (*e*) Isaac Q., married Rachel Blankenship February 17, 1848, in Tazewell County. (*f*) Polly, born in 1831. She married Abraham Smith September 2, 1852, in Tazewell County. Harvey Runyon and his wife Jane, lived in Tazewell County. Harvey may have been a

son of Joseph and Nancy (Jacobs) Runyon. Two of Harvey's and Jane's daughters married in Tazewell County: (*aa*) Milly Ann, married Thomas Marrs November 6, 1865. (*bb*) Susan, married Samuel O. Sayers, son of Bogden and Jane Sayers, January 30, 1873, in Tazewell County. The successive order of births is not known.

7. John, apparently the eldest son of Isaac. Evidently he was a hunter and an Indian scout. He is listed as an Indian fighter in a historical record at the County Clerk's office at Christiansburg, Virginia. He probably never married and resided with his father.

John and Isaac Runyon are listed as privates in Captain Frederick Edward's company of Virginia militia on a muster roll dated March 24, 1781. Captain Edward's company was organized in Montgomery County and served in North Carolina and on the Virginia frontier. J. Prestoke, in his affidavit supporting Isaac's application for a pension December 8, 1819, stated that he had been acquainted with Isaac since 1780 and saw Isaac and his son John in Captain Edward's company on the march in North Carolina.

The 1782 poll tax roll of Montgomery County lists Isaac and John Runyon, and also another John Runyon. The rolls for 1783 to 1786 inclusive are missing; however, the rolls for 1787 to 1790 inclusive list John and Isaac Runyon; after 1790 no Runyons were found on the Montgomery County rolls. After 1790 Isaac and his family were living in Wythe County, and John was listed on the roll in Samuel Crockett's District in Wythe County March 18, 1796.

John was living in Tazewell County in 1805. He was granted 155 acres of land in Montgomery County, probably for his services against the Indians. John sold this parcel of land to Frederick Shepherd for fifty dollars and fifty cents January 9, 1805. The deed of conveyance stated that John was a resident of Tazewell County. John signed this deed by his mark. The witnesses were Elijah Clay, Robert Stukesbury, Barnet B. Farmer, and James Ridpath. Frederick Shepherd and the witnesses apparently were former neighbors of Isaac. Elijah Farmer married Mary Runyon, and

Stephen Runyon married Nancy Farmer March 6, 1819. The bridegrooms and brides were children of Barnett Farmer and Richard Runyon, John's brother. Also James Runyon, Richard's son, married Sally Shepherd, Frederick Shepherd's daughter, May 22, 1819; and Joseph Runyon married Martha Ridpath, James Ridpath's daughter. This matter is mentioned as evidence that John Runyon was a son of Isaac Runyon, who fought in the Revolutionary War.

After the sale of his land, John Runyon probably moved elsewhere, since he was not afterwards listed on the poll tax rolls of Tazewell County. Joseph Runyon, Isaac's son, owned land on Mud Fork of Bluestone Creek in Tazewell County. John probably returned to Tazewell County soon after 1850 and died about the same time that Joseph died. John Knuckels was appointed administrator of both estates March 5, 1853, and Joseph A. Moore, David P. Waggoner, and Richard Tabor were appointed appraisers of the estates March 5, 1853. It is likely that John Runyon was living on his brother Joseph's farm at the time of his death. His estate included personal property only, and no heirs were mentioned.

8. Adron (or Adrain), born either in New Jersey or Virginia. Apparently he spelled his name Adron. The first notice of Adron was when he signed as a witness to the marraige of William Brabston to Mary Runyon August 5, 1788, in Montgomery County.

The personal tax rolls of Montgomery County for the years 1789 and 1790 list Adron. The Wythe County personal tax roll for 1799 lists Isaac, Adron, and Isaac Runyon, Jr. The Tazewell County personal tax rolls for 1805 list Adron, and then his name is listed through the years until 1830. After 1830 his name has not been found on the tax rolls of that county. Apparently Adron never married. He is not listed in the U.S. Census of Tazewell County or adjacent counties, probably because he was never the head of a family.

When Isaac applied for a pension from Tazewell County, Adron was a supporting witness. Adron stated that Isaac

had marched in the Virginia militia during the Revolutionary War.

Other data pertinent to Isaac Runyon and his descendants includes:

Rachel Runyon, who apparently never married, was living in Montgomery County November 3, 1795. She was most likely a daughter of Isaac.

Richard Runyon was a member of the first grand jury in Mercer County, West Virginia. Richard and John Runyon of Mercer County served in the 60th Virginia Regiment of the Confederate Army. Richard was killed May 31, 1864, at Cloyd's Farm, Virginia. John was killed August 17, 1864, at Winchester, Virginia. Richard and John were probably sons of Stephen and Nancy (Farmer) Runyon.

The name of the head of the family on the 1820 U.S. Census of Tazewell County is not legible. It may be, and most likely is, Adron Runyon, and his father and mother. It is thought that Adron is the crippled son of Isaac. Benjamin and Joseph Runyon also appear on the 1820 U.S. Census of Tazewell County.

DAVID RUNYON (?–187?)

Son of Isaac and Mary (Smith) Runyon

THE FIRST NOTICE found of David Runyon is in the County Court Law Order Book 11, p. 256, August 4, 1833, Russell County, Virginia.

David and his wife, Elizabeth, lived at Rupell, Russell County, and some or perhaps all of their children were born in Russell County. David and his family came to Pike County, Kentucky, and settled near Tug River, below the mouth of Pond Creek, where they lived for a while. After 1870, David and Elizabeth and other members of his family emigrated to Tuscumbia, Morgan County, Missouri, where David died. The consecutive order of the births of their children is not known. The children were:

1. Joseph, born in Russell County. He married Jane Lester, daughter of John and Nancy Lester, November 12, 1857, in Russell County. Joseph was born *circa* 1837. He emigrated with his parents to Morgan County, Missouri.

2. Jane, born *circa* 1840. She married John Stuart, son of Anthony and Stacy Stuart, November 6, 1856, in Russell County. After their marriage they resided in Tazewell County, Virginia.

3. George, born in 1846 in Russell County. He came to Pike County with his parents as a lad. George married Judy Maynard, daughter of William C. Maynard, November 16, 1865, in Pike County. They lived for a while in Pike County, and their first child was born there. George and his family moved to Ironton, Ohio, before 1870. Their children were: (*a*) Martha A., born in 1867. (*b*) William M., born in 1869 at or near Ironton. They may have had other children.

David and Elizabeth Runyon may have had other children, but no authentic record is available.

4. Aaron, 1845?–1903.

AARON RUNYON (1845?–1903)

Son of David and Elizabeth Runyon

Aaron Runyon was born *circa* 1845 in Russell County, Virginia. He married Rebecca Farley, daughter of John Farley, March 15, 1866, in Pike County, Kentucky, with Elder Stephen Trout, Baptist minister, officiating. They lived on Turkey Creek. Aaron died in 1903. Their children are:

1. Alafair, born May 24, 1867, in Pike County. She married John W. Reed, June 21, 1883, in Pike County. George W. Reed signed the marriage bond; he may be the father of John W. They were married at her parents' home.

2. John M., born March 20, 1869, in Pike County, and died June 10, 1928. He married Fanny Slater, of Slater

Branch, Pike County, May 31, 1897, at Williamson, West Virginia. They lived near Tug River at Slater Branch. Their children are: (*a*) George Dewey, born June 8, 1898, and died October 7, 1954. He married Hester Davis; she was born April 4, 1892. George D. was a prominent citizen and a minister of the gospel. They lived near Slater Branch on Tug River. (*b*) James B., born September 21, 1899, and died in November, 1940. He married Martha Sparks. (c) Jesse, born May 29, 1904, and died in February, 1933. (*d*) Ray, born in September, 1908, and died in July, 1933. (*e*) Thomas L., born in January, 1911, and died December 26, 1932. (*f*) Earsie, born in March, 1913.

3. Lena Leote, born April 17, 1871, and died in November, 1907. No further record.

4. Joseph C., born April 4, 1874, and died August 17, 1952. He married Minnie Francisco July 22, 1896, at Williamson, and his was the first Runyon marriage recorded in Mingo County, West Virginia. Their children are: (*a*) Clarence, who resides at Road Fork, Kentucky. (*b*) Joseph, Jr., who resides near Delbarton, West Virginia. (c) John D., of Huntington, West Virginia. (*d*) Mrs. Winnie Byrd, of Huntington. (*e*) Mrs. Eddie Taylor, of Road Fork.

5. Riburn, born March 17, 1877. He died unmarried.

6. Emery, born November 17, 1879, in Morgan County, Missouri. He married Mary Williamson September 6, 1902, at Williamson. The marriage register of Mingo County has his age as twenty-three years and his place of birth in Morgan County. Aaron and Rebecca (Farley) Runyon, Emery's parents, may have gone with David and Elizabeth Runyon to Morgan County, and in later years returned to Turkey Creek, Pike County.

7. General Lee, born July 29, 1881, and died in 1913.

8. David, born August 17, 1883. He married Sarah Romans, of Pike County. They reside at Nolan, Mingo County.

9. Esther Victoria, born December 11, 1885, and died in 1910. Unmarried.

10. Lilburn Toney, born in August, 1887. He married

Minnie Lockherd. They reside near Hardy, Pike County, and have children.

11. Ona Jane, born September 27, 1891. She married Hiram Reed, and they reside on Turkey Creek.

The Aaron Runyon family record was contributed by David Runyon.

JOSEPH RUNYON (17?–?)
Of Botetourt County, Virginia

Joseph Runyon was probably born in New Jersey and may have been a son of Jonathan and Rachel (Compton) Runyon. The name of his wife or where he married is unknown. The first notice of Joseph in Virginia was in Botetourt County. Joseph and John Runyon may have been brothers; they are listed on the poll tax roll of Botetourt County for 1773. The list does not give their place of residence. It was signed by Benjamin Estill. Joseph and John were also listed for 1774, and the tax roll is unsigned. No further record has been found.

John Sutton married Winney Runyon (Runnion) in Botetourt County September 4, 1783. The marriage bond was signed by John McCurdy. She stated that she was 21 years of age and lived in that parish. She may have been a daughter of Joseph. No further record.

JAMES RUNYON (1789?–18?)
Of Pike County, Kentucky

James Runyon was born *circa* 1789, most likely in Montgomery County, Virginia. The names of his parents have not been critically determined. He may have been a son of John Runyon of Pond Creek, Pike County.

The poll tax rolls of Tazewell County, Virginia, for 1818

list James Runyon as a taxpayer in that county. Apparently he moved elsewhere during 1819.

James Runyon is listed in the 1830 U.S. Census of Pike County with his wife, one son, four daughters, and three slaves. James and his family came to Pike County before 1830, and apparently moved elsewhere before 1840. He may have lived in nearby Floyd County, and he may have died there.

Dexter S. Runyon was born in 1842 in Floyd County. He married (1st) Sarah Phillips, daughter of Casuel Phillips, April 10, 1875, in Pike County. When Dexter S. made application for a marriage license, he gave Pulaski County, Virginia, as the place of his father's birth. Dexter S. married (2nd) Charlotte Brannum in 1896 in Washington County, Virginia, and in the marriage license application, he gave the names of his parents as James and Lucinda Runyon. He may have been a son of James Runyon, who lived in Pike County in 1830.

Dexter S. lived in Pulaski County and probably died there. His name occurs on the deed books in Pulaski County, and he has descendants there.

BROWN RUNYON (1858–1932?)

Brown Runyon was born in 1858 in Pulaski County, Virginia. He came to Boyd County, Kentucky, in 1882 or before, and married Mary Alice Dunnagan May 10, 1882, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Brown lived and died in Boyd County, and some of his descendants live in and around Ashland, Kentucky. In his last will Brown bequeathed his estate to Mary Alice, his wife. His will was probated January 25, 1932, at Catlettsburg. In her will, which was probated January 28, 1935, Mary Alice names Charles, Bert, and Rosa Prelty. Their children are: (1) Charles Cleveland. (2) Edward. (3) Rose. (4) Bert.

Isaac Runyon lived in that part of Montgomery County

which became Pulaski County in 1838. Many descendants of Isaac live in Pulaski and Giles counties, Virginia.

JAMES S. RUNYON (1850–?)

James S. Runyon was born in Giles County, Virginia, in 1850. He may be a son of John and Caroline Runyon, who lived in Giles County in 1850. James S. married Hattie A. Flowers April 20, 1874, in Boyd County, Kentucky. She was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1850. To this union several children were born. Anna, a daughter, was born in 1889, and she married George E. Wirtz, Jr., December 21, 1907, at her parents' residence in Pollard, a suburb of Ashland, Kentucky. Descendants of James S. and Hattie A. (Flowers) Runyon live in Boyd County.

ABRAHAM RUNYON (18?–7?)
Of Wythe County, Virginia

Abraham Runyon was not found in the 1850 U.S. Census of Wythe County, Virginia. He may have come to Wythe County from Pulaski or another adjacent county. He married Phoebe Amburn November 23, 1850, in Wythe County. Jason Amburn signed the marriage bond, and he may have been Phoebe's father. The successive order of their children's births is unknown. They are:

1. Jason, married Emma Burkett, daughter of George and Ann (Collins) Burkett, September 27, 1876, in Wythe County.
2. Sally, married John W. Hensley, son of Joseph Hensley of Pulaski County, October 10, 1876, in Wythe County.
3. Mary Letitia, married Temple Baker, son of Isaac M. Baker, August 11, 1877, in Wythe County.
4. Mollie J., married Bailey D. Lane, son of William A. Lane, September 4, 1881, in Wythe County.

5. John P. M., married Lettie A. Grimwell October 30, 1884 in Wythe County. Her mother's name is registered as Pauline Bateman, perhaps her maiden name.

The marriage records of Wythe County indicate that Abraham Runyon had died before 1876. No further record.

DAVID J. RUNYON (1857?–?)

David J. Runyon was born *circa* 1857 in Virginia. He married Anna F. Sturgell June 26, 1875, in Floyd County, Kentucky. She may have been a daughter of James L. Sturgell, who conveyed by deed to David J. Runyon a parcel of land on Tolers Creek, Floyd County, October 1, 1883. The deed records of Floyd County indicate that her name was Amy Frances instead of Anna F. They lived on Tolers Creek for many years and had issue. The names of his parents are unknown. He may have been a son of David and Elizabeth Runyon, who lived for a while on Tug River, Pike County, Kentucky. However, he may have been a son of James Runyon, who was living in Pike County until after 1830.

Nancy E. Runyon married James Howell August 11, 1873, in Floyd County. They were married at the residence of R. Tipton, and D. S. Runyon and Davis Tipton were witnesses.

Arminda Runyon married William D. Saulsberry January 31, 1886, in Floyd County. They were married at the residence of Dave Runyon. The witnesses were John Murphy, David Runyon, and Frances Runyon. William B. Price, J.P., officiated.

It is possible that Nancy E. and Arminda Runyon were sisters of David J. Runyon.

VI : MISCELLANEOUS FAMILIES

PHINEAS RUNYON (1744–1831)

Phineas Runyon was born February 13, 1744, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and died January 21, 1831, in Rowan County, North Carolina. Phineas married Charity Coates in New Jersey, and they were living there before 1774. Some of their children were born in New Jersey and others in North Carolina. There is evidence that Phineas and his family were living in New York in 1775.

Phineas, his wife, and children emigrated to Rowan County in 1779 or sooner. He was granted 250 acres of land situated on the waters of Lick Creek March 31, 1779. The survey record of Rowan County shows a square parcel of land surveyed by Harry Rutherford for Grifford Rutherford, surveyor, on the 18th day of July, 1779. Phineas and Barefoot Runyon were the chain carriers. Phineas is listed in the 1790 U.S. Census of Rowan County with his wife and eight children. Bafford ("Barefoot") and Joseph also were listed from the same locality; they were sons of Phineas and Charity (Coates) Runyon.

Phineas Runyon and John Burwell were witnesses to the will of Joseph Hill, of Kingwood, New Jersey. The will was probated January 22, 1774.

Before 1800 Phineas, his wife, and children, including Joseph, John, and Bafford ("Barefoot"), with their families, emigrated to Kentucky; some of them settled in Madison County and others in Barren County, where they were granted land.

Phineas and his wife remained in Madison County until after 1810; then they returned to Rowan County, where he died.

The children of Phineas and Charity (Coates) Runyon were:

1. John, born in Hunterdon County in November, 1863. He came to Rowan County when a lad with his parents. John is reputed to have enlisted in the army as a private and served during the Revolutionary War until the surrender of Cornwallis. However, the military records of North Carolina list John Runyon (Runion) as being in the service of the North Carolina militia during engagements with the Chicamaga Indians (Voucher No. 2993, Salisbury District, July 14, 1781).

John emigrated to Madison County before 1800. He may have married in Kentucky, but the name of his wife is not known. He had at least four children: (*a*) John Harvey. (*b*) William. (*c*) Ellen, who married John Rice in Preble County, Ohio. (*d*) Mary ("Polly"), who married Philip Hornbaker at Eaton, Ohio.

John and his two daughters moved to Preble County in 1819, and he died there in 1833. He is buried in a small country burial ground near Eaton. His wife may have died in Kentucky.

2. Joseph, born in New Jersey and may have married there. He came with his parents to Rowan County during the Revolutionary War. He is listed in the roster of North Carolina soldiers of the Revolutionary War from Salisbury District as Number 2688. He was issued this voucher number for services against the Chicamaga Indians. The 1790 U.S. Census lists Joseph Runyon, his wife, and four children living in Rowan County.

3. Bafford ("Barefoot"), 1767–1844.

4. William, married Katherine Low December 13, 1793, in Rowan County. Samuel Parks signed the marriage bond. William and Katherine went to Ohio. No further record.

5. Aaron, died in North Carolina in 1795.

6. Michael, born in 1775, probably in New York. He married Nancy Blackwell, daughter of Armstead Blackwell, in 1797, in Madison County. Michael and his family lived in

Preble County in the 1820's, and he owned land there. The 1850 U.S. Census of Will County, Illinois, lists Michael Runyon at 75 years of age and his birthplace as the State of New York.

7. Charity, married Samuel Parks November 6, 1792, in Yadkin County, North Carolina. They lived in Rowan County until about 1797 and then emigrated to Barren County. They resided several years in Kentucky, and then they moved to Ohio, where they died and are buried by the side of Bafford and Nancy (Parks) Runyon in a small country burial ground near Eaton.

8. Martin, married Patience Baxter, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sappington) Baxter, December 18, 1799, in Madison County.

9. Absolom, born in North Carolina in 1783. His wife, Mary (surname unknown), was born in Pennsylvania in 1784. The 1850 U.S. Census of Madison County lists Absolom and Mary, also James Runyon, forty-three years of age, Nancy Runyon, forty-one, and Charity Runyon, thirty years of age.

10. Emily, married in Madison County in 1806.

11. Isaac, married in 1812 in Madison County.

12. Mercy. No further record.

13. Mary, married in 1805 in Madison County.

BAFFORD RUNYON (1767–1844)

Son of Phineas and Charity (Coates) Runyon

Bafford ("Barefoot") Runyon was born in New Jersey June 6, 1767. He came to Rowan County, North Carolina, with his parents in 1779 or before. He married Nancy Parks, daughter of Charles and Catherine Parks, in Rowan County. She is a sister of Samuel Parks, who married Charity Runyon at Yadkin, North Carolina, November 6, 1792.

Bafford and his family emigrated before 1800 to Barren County, Kentucky, where he was granted land. After living

many years in Barren County, Bafford and Nancy moved in 1841 to Preble County, Ohio, where he died in 1844, and Nancy in 1862. Some of their children married and remained in Kentucky. Samuel and Charity (Runyon) Parks and Bafford and Nancy (Parks) Runyon lie side by side in an old country burial ground near Eaton, Ohio. They have well-marked stones at the heads of their graves.

The children of Bafford and Nancy (Parks) Runyon were:

1. Robert, born August 3, 1786, in North Carolina. He married (1st) Nancy Burns in Kentucky. In 1806, he went to Preble County and married (2nd) Elizabeth Barnes. He died June 10, 1874.

2. Catherine, born December 30, 1787, and died May 4, 1870. She was born in North Carolina, and married Joseph Conger of North Carolina in Kentucky. They lived in Barren County until 1810, and then they moved to Preble County, where she died.

3. Charity, born October 16, 1789, in North Carolina. She married Lewis Lewellyn of Virginia in Kentucky. They moved to Preble County in 1810, and she died there August 31, 1855.

4. Anna, born April 23, 1791, in North Carolina, and came to Kentucky with her parents. She married Philip Lewellyn of Virginia. They emigrated to Preble County in 1810, where she died August 9, 1874.

5. Julia, born February 15, 1793, in North Carolina. She married Jonathan Burson in Kentucky. They emigrated to Preble County in 1810, and she died there.

6. Phineas, born November 27, 1794, in North Carolina. He came to Barren County with his parents and married there. The name of his wife is unknown. He died in Barren County September 19, 1827.

7. Charles, born March 25, 1798, probably in Kentucky. He was married in Kentucky and was living in Barren County in 1840 with his wife and eight children. He died in March, 1876.

8. Elizabeth, born August 19, 1800, in Barren County.

She lived and died in Barren County June 9, 1823. She probably never married.

9. Wilson, born March 1, 1802, in Barren County. He was living in Barren County in 1840 with his wife and five children. He died September 2, 1885, in Barren County.

10. Lucy, born January 4, 1804, in Barren County. She married Joseph Terry in Barren County and died there September 29, 1879.

11. Nancy, born December 30, 1805, in Barren County. She died September 15, 1807.

12. Jane, born October 6, 1807, in Barren County. She married in Barren County and died there March 13, 1840. The name of her husband is not known.

13. Frances, born April 1, 1809, in Barren County. She married John Coleman Estes in Barren County and died there in October, 1875.

14. Isaac, born February 11, 1811, in Barren County. He married Martha Yates Estes December 6, 1832, in Barren County. In 1840, Isaac was living in Barren County with his wife and two children. They emigrated to Preble County in 1841, and Martha died there June 19, 1868. Isaac and his wife are buried by the side of his parents. The children of Isaac and Martha Yates (Estes) Runyon were: (*a*) George Washington, born February 19, 1834. (*b*) Emily Adeline, born March 17, 1837. She married Clark Gray June 17, 1855. (*c*) Jessee Simonsen, born March 22, 1848, in Preble County. He married Katherine Shaffer.

George Washington Runyon married Sarah Overholser, daughter of Abraham and Lydia (Bower) Overholser, February 8, 1856, in Preble County. Their children are: (*aa*) Albert Marshall. (*bb*) William Francis. (*cc*) John Brough Runyon.

Albert Marshall married Jane Baker, and they had two sons.

William Francis married (1st) Lillian Swartzell, and they had one son. William Francis also married (2nd) Minnie Coleman.

John Brough married Grace Carroll, daughter of James

and Laura Carroll, August 8, 1903. They had one daughter, Dorothy Carroll, born May 5, 1906. She married Richard L. Duncan.

JOHN RUNYON (17?–?)

Of Brocks Gap, Rockingham County, Virginia

John Runyon came to Rockingham County, Virginia, before 1773 from New Jersey or perhaps Pennsylvania. Neither his wife's name nor the place of his marriage is known. The first notice of him in Virginia is that he was granted 98 acres of land in Brocks Gap, Rockingham County, February 20, 1773.

In 1779 he was listed in Militia District No. 7 with 213 acres of land by Ralph Lostis, Commissioner.

John is also found in the tithing list of Captain John Ruddle's company in District No. 7 for 1792 with 1 tithe, 5 horses, and son Jacob.

The 1784 U.S. Census lists John, his wife, and seven children as living in Rockingham County.

John was a member of the Linville Baptist Church and served as deacon on several occasions. The vestry book of the church mentions several members of John's family. The Brocks Gap Baptist Church was organized February 18, 1843, and Anderson, Sarah, and Lena Runyon were charter members. Where John lived in Brocks Gap was later known as Runyon's Creek, and many of his descendants lived and died there. Several members of this Runyon family moved to Ohio and from there to Indiana and Illinois and westward to Missouri and other states. Many of them spell their name Run*ion*.

John was a friend and neighbor of John Lincoln, the progenitor of Abraham Lincoln. The Lincolns were members of the Linville Baptist Church, and services were held at the Lincoln home on several occasions. The Lincolns came from

Pennsylvania contemporaneous with the arrival of the Runyons in Rockingham County.

The children of John Runyon were:

1. John, Jr., listed in the 1792 tithing list of District No. 7 with 1 tithe and three horses. He was born *circa* 1770 and may have been the eldest son of John. John, Jr., was a member of the Linville Baptist Church, and he served as moderator November 16, 1811, and on other occasions.

2. Jacob, listed in the tithing list of Captain John Ruddle's company in District No. 7 with his father and was over sixteen years of age. Jacob was baptized September 17, 1814. Also John Runyon, Jr., a grandson, and his sister Esther were baptized on the same day. They were all received into fellowship of the Linville Baptist Church.

3. Mary, married Arnold Ford in 1794. Her father signed the marriage bond. Mary was a member of the Linville Baptist Church.

4. Anna, married John Hank (Hawk?) January 19, 1800. Her father signed the marriage bond. She was a very active member of the Linville Baptist Church.

5. Anderson, born in 1775 in Rockingham County. He married Anna Farney in 1803. John Hank (Hawk?), Anderson's brother-in-law, signed the marriage bond. Anderson's wife may have been named Leannah. The 1850 U.S. Census lists Anderson and his wife Leannah living alone in Rockingham County. Anderson was baptized August 28, 1814, at Brocks Gap and received into fellowship of the Linville Baptist Church.

6. Daniel, 17?–?.

The names of the children of John Runyon may not be in consecutive order of birth. The early spelling of their surname was usually Run*i*on or sometimes Run*ni*on, and some of the descendants continue that manner of spelling.

Abraham, John Runyon's grandson, married Elizabeth Bloser, sister of John Bloser. They had one daughter, Maria, born in 1838. She inherited the estate of her uncle, John Bloser, April 1, 1852.

DANIEL RUNYON (17?–?)

Son of John Runyon of Brocks Gap, Virginia

Daniel Runyon married (1st) Peggy Orebaugh, daughter of Andrew Orebaugh, October 29, 1805, at Brocks Gap, Virginia. Peggy probably died, and Daniel married (2nd) Madeline Weatherhalse. The minutes of the Linville Baptist Church indicate that Madeline was baptized Sunday, December 22, 1816. They emigrated to Ohio and reared a large family.

The children of Daniel and Peggy (Orebaugh) Runyon were:

1. Anna, no further record.
2. John, who married a Miss Cochran.

The children of Daniel and Madeline (Weatherhalse) Runyon were:

1. Soloman, who went to Boone County, Indiana. He accumulated a large fortune and left it to his two adopted children.
2. Lizzie, married a Mr. Shafer.
3. Anderson, born in 1816.
4. Margaret, married a Mr. Hart.
5. Lydia, married a Mr. Post.
6. Phoebe, married a brother of Lydia's husband.
7. Deborah, married a Mr. Johnson.
8. Sarah, married a Mr. Pfiester.

Data contributed by Mrs. Alice L. Hirtle.

JOHN RUNYON III (1793–18?)

Son of John Runyon, Jr., of Brocks Gap, Virginia

John Runyon III was born June 28, 1793, at Brocks Gap, Rockingham County, Virginia. He is a son of John Runyon, Jr., and a grandson of John Runyon Sr. John III married Mary Price, daughter of Samuel Price, in Rockingham County August 8, 1815. John and Mary had gone from Rockingham County by 1830. In 1831 they came to Ohio

and moved in a few years to Adams County, Indiana. Their children were:

1. Daniel, born in Rockingham County.
2. Henry, born in Virginia. He remained in Ohio.
3. Sampson, born in 1827 in Virginia. He married in Indiana. He and his wife, Durcus, moved to Monroe County, Missouri. In 1850 they had two children: (*a*) Elizabeth Y., born in 1846. (*b*) William B., born in 1848. Both children were born in Monroe County, Missouri.
4. Benjamin, probably born in Virginia.
5. John Noah.
6. Joseph.
7. David.
8. Mary.
9. Dolly.

John had a brother, Sampson, who had two sons: Hugh, and John Murray, who at one time lived in Springfield, Ohio, but later moved to an unknown place.

BAREFOOT RUNYON (17?–?)

Barefoot Runyon (Runion) married Margaret Rambo May 12, 1777, in Rockingham County, Virginia, with Elder John Alderson officiating. Elder John Alderson was pastor of the Linville Baptist Church. Barefoot may have been a son of John Runyon of Brocks Gap, Rockingham County, and if so, he probably was born in New Jersey. After his marriage to Margaret, they moved to Shenandoah County, Virginia. He is listed in the 1785 U.S. Census with his wife and two children.

The County Court Booklet of Shenandoah County, under public service claims, lists Elias Runyon (Runnian) in May, 1783 for fifteen days collecting of cattle for the militia. The County Commissioner's Book No. 7, p. 159, November 27, 1783, lists Isaac and Elisha Runyon (Runion) for services in driving beeves for the militia. Elias, Isaac, and Elisha may have been brothers of Barefoot. It is very likely that

they all were sons of a Runyon who settled early in Shenandoah County. Their relationship to John Runyon of Brocks Gap is not known.

The origin of the name Barefoot is obscure. However, it seems to have originated in New Jersey. The first notice of this name is in Daniel Brymson's will, dated 1696, in New Jersey, where he mentions his only son, Barefoot Brymson. It may have originated from the surname Burford.

RUNYON FAMILIES
Of Harrison County, Virginia

It is almost a hopeless task to compile a pedigree of early families without a Bible record or other reliable family data. Traditional information is helpful, but many times it is unreliable.

There is no information available that indicates the relationship between Henry, William, and John Runyon, who settled in Harrison County, Virginia. There is evidence that Elijah Runyon was a son of Henry. Family histories of these early settlers in Harrison County may exist. The documentary records herein compiled may be an assistance in preparing a more complete genealogical record.

Henry Runyon may have emigrated to Virginia before 1773; however, the first notice of him in Augusta County, Virginia, is found in the County Court Law Order Book, No. 15. There, at a meeting of the County Court of Augusta County August 17, 1773, "Henry Runyon was recognized."

In Augusta County deed book No. 19, p. 406, William Samples and his wife Sarah sold to George Kessner 235 acres of land on Brocks Creek August 17, 1773. The land was patented to Adam Honerstick July 7, 1763. Henry Runyon and Obadiah Muncy signed as witnesses.

Henry Runyon and Morris Runyon are listed in Daniel Smith's Delinquent and Supernumerary Tax List of Augusta County for 1773. No further data has been found of Morris Runyon.

In Augusta County Will Book No. III, p. 133, in the settlement of the estate of Konrad Kustard, Henry Runyon was paid for services March 15, 1774.

In the Augusta County Will Book No. VI, p. 37, Henry Runyon was paid for services to the Martin Humble estate May 19, 1778.

The first (1790) U.S. Census lists Henry Runyon, his wife, and six children living in that part of Monongalia County, Virginia, which later became Harrison County. Also, John Runyon, his wife, and four children, and William Runyon, his wife, and five children are listed. This census was taken from the Monongalia County tax list for 1782. The same families were again listed for 1785 in Harrison County, which had been organized in 1784. Elijah Runyon was most likely married in Monongalia County *circa* 1772. He is also listed in the 1785 tax list of Harrison County and was included in the 1790 census with his wife and two children. By 1785 these Runyon families had permanent dwellings established in Harrison County, Virginia, now West Virginia.

The Monongalia County Commissioners Book IV, p. 351, Militia, December 22, 1783, states that Henry Runyon was paid for salt which he had delivered to the Virginia Militia August 1, 1782.

Henry Runyon was granted 100 acres of land situated on Little Buffalo Fork, 327 acres of land on the bend of the River Creek, and 400 acres on the waters of West Fork in Harrison County during 1786. Also in 1787 he was granted 182 acres of land on Coburnes Creek and 200 acres on Big Buffalo Creek, which makes a total of 1,209 acres granted to Henry.

During 1825, E. and H. Runyon were granted 225 acres of land on Spring Creek, Kanawha County, Virginia. This may have been Elijah and his son Henry.

Elijah and his wife were born before 1775, either in New Jersey or Augusta County. The 1810 U.S. Census of Harrison County lists Elijah and his wife as being more than forty-five years of age. They had three sons between 10 and

16 years, and one daughter more than 16 years of age.

In the same census Samuel Runyon and his wife are listed. Samuel was more than sixteen years of age, and his wife was under that age. Samuel may have been a son of Elijah.

Uriah Grandee (Grandy) made an application for a pension from Jackson County, Virginia, November 18, 1835. His application was supported by an affidavit signed by Elijah Runyon.

Peter McCune applied for a pension from Jackson County for service in Virginia during the Revolutionary War (Va. 7165). His claim was supported by an affidavit signed by Adam Flesher and Elijah Runyon.

Elijah Runyon, Jr., was born in Harrison County in 1806. The 1850 U.S. Census lists him and Rebecca, his wife, as living in Lewis County, Virginia. They then had three children: (*a*) Mary. (*b*) William. (*c*) Jacob.

Elijah, Jr., was living in Lewis County before 1830, or he may have lived in that part of Harrison County which later became a part of Lewis County. In 1830 Elijah and his wife were under thirty years of age, and they had one daughter under five years of age.

It may be concluded that Elijah, Sr., had a son named Henry, whose son, Henry, Jr., built the first water-propelled mill near Spencer, Roane County, Virginia.

Henry, Sr., sold a parcel of land to William R. Goff and his wife, Sarah (Bush) Goff, in Roane County after 1837.

The Henry Runyon mill was later owned by Gilbert and Isaac McKown and was in use for many years.

William Lane Reynolds, son of Thomas Reynolds, married Emily D. Runyon, daughter of Joshua and Samantha (Miller) Runyon. They lived in Roane County, now in West Virginia.

Henry, William, and John Runyon, who were listed in the first U.S. Census of Harrison County, may have been brothers, or they may have been descended from collateral lines. Their relationship is obscure. Further search of the early records of Harrison County may reveal interesting data.

In the *Calendar of Virginia State Papers,* Vol. 6, pp. 312 is a letter from Max Armstrong to the Governor of Virginia, dated March 23, 1793, from Clarksburg, Virginia. It says: "On Sunday, the 3rd Instant four Indians took 6 horses belonging to a man of the name of Rungan, within seven miles of this place, . . ."

John Runyon lived at or near the mouth of Fremans Creek, and he was one of the first constables of the newly-formed county of Harrison.

In *A History of Lewis County, West Virginia,* by Edward Conrad Smith, p. 81, the following may be found: "On July 24, of the same year [1794] they [the Indians] took prisoner the daughter of John Runyon near the mouth of Fremens Creek. Two of the savages were detailed to conduct her to the Indian village, but after going ten miles they tomahawked and scalped her."

John Runyon was born *circa* 1747 in New Jersey, and he died near Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia), December 7, 1807. He married Susannah Kuster *circa* 1771 in Virginia. She was born April 25, 1748, and died September 12, 1823, in Pleasant Township, Clark County, Ohio. She was the first woman to be buried in the Ashbury M. E. Chapel Cemetery, eleven miles east of Springfield, Ohio.

Susannah was listed in the 1810 U.S. Census of Harrison County with three children. She and her three children emigrated to Warren County, Ohio, in 1811 and joined her sons, Abraham, George, and Joseph, who had gone there in 1802 and 1809.

The children of John and Susannah (Kuster) Runyon were:

1. John, Jr., born *circa* 1772. He moved to Ohio in 1808 and married Catherine Richards.

2. William, born *circa* 1774. He married Elizabeth Chieroun.

3. Abraham, born July 14, 1783, and died November 15, 1836. He married Sophia Lynch April 12, 1801. Abraham served as a private in the War of 1812, having enlisted in Champaign County (now Clark County), Ohio. Nine chil-

dren were born to Abraham and Sophia (Lynch) Runyon. Sophia was a daughter of Peter Lynch.

4. Ruie (Ruby), born in 1782. She was killed by Indians July 24, 1794.

5. Joseph, born March 3, 1786, in Harrison County. He married Elizabeth Curl in Warren County, Ohio, November 10, 1806. She was a daughter of William and Sarah (Brown) Curl. Joseph died suddenly August 3, 1854, on his way home from a visit with his son, George. Elizabeth was born May 26, 1783, and died March 8, 1872. She is buried by the side of her husband in the Ashbury M.E. Chapel Cemetery. Ten children were born to this union.

6. George, born August 21, 1791, in Harrison County, and died March 23, 1855. George married Susannah Lynch, daughter of Peter Lynch, in 1810. She was born May 5, 1789, and died March 21, 1864.

7. Anna, born *circa* 1793. She married Jonathan Wolf.

William Runyon was born *circa* 1751, probably in New Jersey. He was living in that part of Monongalia County in 1782 which later became Harrison County in 1785. The U.S. Census lists William, his wife, and six children living there in 1782 and in Harrison County in 1785. William was granted 395 acres of land situated on the waters of Sycamore Creek, Harrison County, in 1786. He emigrated with his family to Butlerville, Ohio, in 1802, after his home and belongings were destroyed by Indians.

1. Henry, born in 1775. He married Abigail Lynch in 1796. She was born in 1777. Issue.

2. Elizabeth, born *circa* 1777. She married William Bennett in 1799.

3. William, born *circa* 1779. He married Hannah Sine in 1803.

4. Susan, born *circa* 1781. She married John Waggoner in 1798.

5. Isaac, born *circa* 1783.

6. Jane, born *circa* 1785. She married George Piper.
7. Benjamin, born *circa* 1787.
8. John, born *circa* 1789.
9. David, born March 7, 1793. He married (1st) Elizabeth Layman and (2nd) Rebecca Sharp.

The list of John's children and William's children are from Winnifred Beatty's *The Baumgardner Family* and a list published in *Genealogy and History,* Vol. 5, No. 2, prepared by the late Forest M. Runyon.

Ruben Gold Thwaites, *Withers Chronicles of Border Warfare,* may be in error when (p. 419) he reports John Runyon, Jr., son of John and Susannah (Kuster) Runyon, was killed by Indians.

DANIEL RUNYON (1750–1815)

Son of Benjamin and Ann (Van Coert) Runyon

Daniel Runyon was born in 1750 in New Jersey and died in 1815 at Mayslick, Mason County, Kentucky. Daniel married (1st) Ann Lenox in New Jersey, and they had four children: (1) Ruth. (2) David L. (3) Anna. (4) Susannah.

After the death of Ann, Daniel married (2nd) Rachel Morris in 1775 in New Jersey.

Daniel, with his wife and children, emigrated to Kentucky late in 1787. They came by the Wilderness Road and settled at Mayslick in Mason County. Daniel was one of the first Runyons to come directly from New Jersey and settle in Kentucky. He purchased land at or near Mayslick and held much valuable land in Mason County. He also owned several slaves. His will was probated May 9, 1815, in Mason County.

The children of Daniel and Rachel (Morris) Runyon were:

1. The first was born in 1786 and died at birth.
2. Daniel, born in 1787 in New Jersey.
3. Asa R., 1789–18?.

4. James Morris, born in 1789. He was a twin to Asa R.
5. Peter, born in 1791.
6. Benjamin, born in 1794.
7. Sarah, born in 1795.
8. A twin infant was born in 1795 and died soon after.
9. Rachel, born in 1799.

Daniel, Ruth, and Susannah, came to Mason County with their father and stepmother, married, and reared large families in Kentucky.

The descendants of this pioneer Runyon family are numerous in Kentucky and other states of the Union. Daniel, Asa R., and James Morris lived and died in Mason County. They were outstanding citizens who owned much valuable property. James Morris, a twin to Asa R., died in 1835, leaving a valuable estate to his wife and child. His will was probated May 10, 1835.

Vincent Runyon also came to Mayslick and was a contemporary of Daniel. Vincent was a witness to the will of John Thomas of Mason County December 2, 1809. His name appears in the early deed book. No further data is available concerning Vincent.

There were other Runyons who came to Kentucky either with or soon after the arrival of Daniel and his family, and most of them moved to, or near Cincinnati, Ohio, where many of their descendants now live.

ASA R. RUNYON (1789–18?)

Son of Daniel and Rachel (Morris) Runyon

Asa R. Runyon was born in 1789 in Mason County, Kentucky. He was a twin to James Morris Runyon, who died in 1835. They were probably the first Runyon children born in Kentucky. Asa R. married (1st) Mary Morris, and they had the following children:

1. Rachel, born in 1815 in Mason County.
2. David, born in 1818. He married Mary E. Warder Jan-

uary 23, 1843, in Mason County. William H. Warder was bondsman.

3. Sarah, born in 1821.

4. An infant was born and died in 1823.

5. Daniel R., born in 1825. He married Sarah Blackburn, and their children were: (*a*) Ellie, married Charles Warfield. (*b*)Asa, born in 1858. He married Emily Chenault in 1888. Their children were: (*aa*) Henrietta Bronston, who married Herman Winfry. (*bb*) Ellie Blackburn, born October 21, 1892, and died May 18, 1911. She is buried in Lexington, Kentucky. (*c*) Virginia Blackburn, born in 1871.

6. Mary Rachel, born in 1827.

7. Nancy R., born in 1828.

After the death of Mary (Morris) Runyon, Asa R. married (2nd) Mary G. Gilman August 27, 1836. Their children were:

1. George J., born in 1842.
2. Asa R., Jr., born in 1845.
3. Frances O., born in 1847.
4. Charles G., born in 1850.

Asa R. Runyon was an active businessman and is often mentioned in the early history of Mason County. He was one of the first trustees of Mayslick, when it was organized February 1, 1837. For a few years before 1850, Asa R. operated a general store in Lewis County, Kentucky; however, he returned to Mason County in 1850 and established a drug store there. Asa R. and his family are listed in both Lewis and Mason counties for the 1850 census. Numerous descendants reside in Mason and other Kentucky counties.

The information for the Daniel Runyon genealogy was given by Mrs. Herman Winfry, Richmond, Virginia. The county court records of Mason County and the U.S. Census of 1850 have been partially examined. A complete pedigree is said to exist; however, the authors have not had an opportunity to examine it. A complete search of the marriage registers of Mason County may reveal much important data of Daniel and his descendants. A further search of the

U.S. Census records of Mason and adjacent counties may also reveal valuable information.

RUNYON FAMILIES
Of Lawrence County, Ohio

Jacob Runyon was born in 1803 in New Jersey. He married Keturah (spelling uncertain and surname unknown) probably in Maryland. She was born in 1803 in Maryland. The 1870 U.S. Census lists them living in Lawrence County without a family. The following Runyon families may be descended from Jacob and Keturah Runyon:

William Runyon was born in 1819, probably in Pennsylvania. The marriage records of Lawrence County indicate that William and his wife were born in Pennsylvania; however, the 1870 U.S. Census of Lawrence County lists his birthplace as Ohio. He married Sarah M. Bryan, and they had the following children:

1. Ellander, born *circa* 1845. She married Green Rose, son of Lewis Rose, December 21, 1865, in Lawrence County.
2. Crawford, born in 1847. He married Susan E. Sampson August 28, 1870, in Lawrence County.
3. Phoebe A., born in 1849.
4. Rittusa J., born in1851.
5. Jacob D., born June 1, 1853. He was a widower in 1907 when he married Margaret Smartwood, a widow, at Ironton, Ohio, October 3, 1907. Jacob's application for a marriage license gave Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as his birthplace.
6. Andrew J., born in 1856.
7. John J., born in 1858.
8. Henrietta, born in 1860.
9. Mary E., born in 1862.
10. William M., born in 1864.
11. Sarah J. L., born in 1866.
12. Nancy A., born in 1868.

Jackson Runyon was born in Pennsylvania in 1826. He married Elizabeth (surname unknown) in Ohio. Jackson came to Ohio in 1852 or before. The birthplace of their children is listed as Ohio. They were:

1. Louisa, born in 1852.
2. Nancy, born in 1854.
3. Thomas, born in 1859. He married Sarah E. Pittenger February 18, 1891, in Lawrence County.
4. John, born in 1862. He married Lydia Pittenger December 21, 1893, in Lawrence County.
5. Laura R., born in 1865. She married William M. Galloway January 18, 1890, at Huntington, West Virginia.

James Runyon was born in 1827 in Pennsylvania. His wife, Mary, and their children were born in Pennsylvania. James and his family emigrated to Lawrence County and settled near Bartramsville in 1870. James was a cooper by trade. They had five children in 1870. They were:

1. Jacob, born in 1854.
2. Sarah, born in 1862. She married William A. McCloskey April 14, 1890, in Lawrence County.
3. Nancy, born in 1864. She married William H. Kingery May 8, 1885, in Lawrence County. The application for a marriage license was signed by James A. Runyon.
4. James, born in 1868.
5. Mary, born in February, 1870.

REUBEN RUNYON

Of Franklin County, Kentucky

Reuben Runyon was living in Franklin, County, Kentucky, in 1800 or before. By 1810 he had a family of four or more. The name of his wife is unknown. Some of his children were: (1) Mary, who married William Porter. (2) Spencer, who married Elizabeth Graham in Franklin County in 1804. (3) Susan, who married George W. Graham. (4) Naomi,

who married Ebenizer Huntington in Franklin County in 1817. (5) Reuben, who married Anna Watson in Woodford County, Kentucky, in 1801. (6) Robinson G., who married Elizabeth Smith in Franklin County in 1831. (7) Benjamin, who married Lucy Long in Woodford County in 1817; the marriage bond was signed by Willis Long. Reuben, William, and Benjamin were reported living in Owen County, Kentucky, in 1822.

A Reuben Runyon married Mary Trayne Greenwood, of New Hampshire, and she established the Greenwood Seminary, a school for girls in Frankfort, Kentucky. Their son William married Mamie Ayers, and they went to Missouri.

The Reuben Runyon family record is reported to exist.

JOHN H. RUNYON

Of Fayette County, Kentucky

John H. Runyon came to Fayette County, Kentucky, in 1800 or before. He may have come with Daniel, Reuben, and Vincent Runyon, who settled in Franklin and Mason counties, Kentucky.

John H. Runyon's will was probated during the July term of Fayette County Court in 1811. In his will, he mentions his brother, Francis. Witnesses to his will were Thomas H. Buckridge, Richard Baird, and Benjamin Adkins.

He signed the marriage bond of William Smith to marry Agatha Galloway, a widow, September 17, 1806. Anne Runyon, sister of Agatha, gave consent, and John Buchannon was the witness. Agatha and Anne were probably daughters of John H.

John Runyon married Sally Stout February 1, 1808. Anthony Stout signed the marriage bond. The Stouts came with the Runyons from New Jersey.

James Cord conveyed a parcel of land on the waters of Cane Run, Fayette County, Kentucky, for the Berea Church August 23, 1828, to John Runyon, John Graves, Adam Kem-

ple, and Thomas Cord, trustees of Berea Church. This data is recorded in Deed Book 4, p. 235.

Nancy Runyon married Thomas Ryan November 23, 1807. Joseph Runyon signed the marriage bond and gave his personal consent. Joseph probably was a son of Phineas and Charity (Coates) Runyon. Joseph came from North Carolina and lived in Madison County, Kentucky, and later in Mercer County, Kentucky. Joseph and the Ryan families were Shakers.

Rachel A. Runyon married Charles M. Jennings April 16, 1863.

PETER RUNYON (1804?–66)
Of Brown County, Ohio

PETER RUNYON was born in Kentucky *circa* 1804; the names of his parents and the county of his birthplace have not been determined. He married Lucy Smith, daughter of Rev. Charles Burgess Smith, November 12, 1827, in Brown County, Ohio. The application for a marriage license was signed by Josiah Moore, and the wedding ceremony was performed by Lucy's father.

Peter purchased 50 acres of land from Meredith Helms situated on the headwaters of Eagle Creek, Brown County, August 8, 1828.

Peter and Lucy (Smith) Runyon sold their land to Isaac Willson on June 1, 1832, and they may have moved to Adams County, Ohio.

Peter purchased 100 acres of land where the present site of Manchester, Ohio, is now located in Adams County on November 16, 1846. The 1850 U.S. Census of Adams County lists Peter Runyon, aged forty-six, and Lucy, aged forty-nine, and also eleven children. After 1850, Peter and his family moved to Richland County, Illinois, where he died February 12, 1866, aged fifty-nine years and two months.

Lucy, Peter's wife, died April 9, 1876. They are buried in Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Illinois.

James H. Runyon was born February 12, 1836, perhaps in Mason County, Kentucky, and died August 15, 1894. He married Susan Rebecca Moore. She was born October 29, 1839, and died April 5, 1932. They have descendants living in Mason County and are the grandparents of Mrs. M. M. Lewis, Jr., of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

In the Pittslyvania County, Virginia, Court Law Book No. 44, p. 31, November 22, 1856, is recorded: *James Runyon* v. *Barber and Hopkins,* a suit for debt. Judgment confessed by the defendants for $263.10.

Anderson Hatfield, son of George and Nancy (Whitt) Hatfield, married Mary (Polly) Runyon, daughter of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon, August 2, 1885, in Pike County, Kentucky. Anderson was a prominent Baptist minister. (See p. 59.)

VII : ALLIED FAMILIES

JOHN W. TAYLOR (17?–18?)

JOHN W. TAYLOR is reputed to have come from old Virginia, probably Bedford County, to that part of Virginia which was Logan County in 1824, and Mingo County, West Virginia, in 1895. He lived somewhere near Tug River, which is the dividing line between West Virginia and Kentucky. The exact date of his arrival is not known, but it was *circa* 1800. He married Mary A. Varney, daughter of John and Betsy (Hunter) Varney of Bedford County, Virginia, before or after they came to their new home. John W. is said to have served in the War of 1812. A tradition says he came from Tennessee. Their children were:

1. Margaret ("Peggy"), born *circa* 1800. She married Daniel McCoy, probably in Logan County, Virginia. They were parents of Randall McCoy of feud fame.

2. Jane ("Jenny"), was born *circa* 1804. She married Elder John Ferrell, a noted Primitive Baptist minister. Their descendants are numerous in Logan and Mingo counties, and in Pike County, Kentucky.

3. William A., 1806–87.

4. Harriet, born *circa* 1808. She married Alvis Maynard, son of Lewis Maynard, February 28, 1828, in Pike County. He was a brother to Sally Maynard, who married William A. Taylor. The application for a marriage license was signed by Mary A. Taylor, the bride's mother, and Lewis Maynard, the bridegroom's father. They were parents of Alvis Maynard, Jr., William Maynard, and Dr. J. B. Maynard. Many descendants live in Pike County and near Williamson, West Virginia.

5. John, born *circa* 1809. He married Cynthia Maynard

September 15, 1832, in Pike County. The application for a marriage license was signed by Mary A. Taylor, and she stated that John was born in Logan County. John died *circa* 1864 in Pike County.

6. Charlotte, born *circa* 1811. She married Richard Maynard, son of Moses Maynard, in 1833, in Pike County, where they lived for a while. Richard and his wife moved to Logan County in 1834 and settled at the mouth of Lick Creek, where they lived and died. Their children were: (*a*) P. J., born in 1834. (*b*) Martin B., born in 1837. (*c*) William H., born in 1840. (*d*) Sarah R., born in 1842. (*e*) James Q., born in 1843. (*f*) Elizabeth, born in 1846. (*g*) Lon, born in 1847. (*h*) John F., born in 1849.

7. Matilda, born *circa* 1814. She married Samuel G. Farley, of Logan County, in 1839. Her mother, Mary A. Taylor, signed the marriage bond.

8. Azandra, born *circa* 1816. He married (1st) Sarah Vance in 1837 in Pike County. His mother signed the marriage bond.

9. Sarah ("Sally"), born *circa* 1818. She married Ali Smith of Pike County. They were parents of Henry and John Copen Smith of Big Creek, Pike County, and their offspring are numerous in that section of Kentucky.

10. Cyrus. No further record.

These dates of birth were contributed by a granddaughter, some of them from memory.

WILLIAM A. TAYLOR (1806–87)

Son of John W. and Mary A. (Varney) Taylor

William A. Taylor was born August 11, 1806, and died November 8, 1887, in Pike County, Kentucky. He married Sarah ("Sally") Maynard, daughter of Lewis Maynard, and sister to Alvis Maynard, Sr., who married Harriet Taylor. They resided on Pond Creek, near where the village of Stone is now located. William A. served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Being sympathetic with the Federal gov-

ernment, he was forced to leave his homestead and live in Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky, where he enlisted and served until the termination of the war. Their children were:

1. Margaret ("Peggy"), born June 3, 1829, and died July 12, 1899, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. She married Mitchell Runyon, son of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon, January 6, 1848, in Pike County. They lived many years on Pond Creek, at what is now known as Jerry Bottom near Huddy. They moved to near Catlettsbburg in 1877, where they lived and died. Margaret is buried by the side of her husband in the family reservation in the cemetery at Catlettsburg.

2. Lydia, born in 1833 and died in 1888 in Pike County. She married James F. Lowe September 23, 1852. Their descendants are numerous around Mossy Bottom, Pike County.

3. Tabitha ("Vicy"), born April 2, 1835, and died March 5, 1894. She married Ransom Hatfield November 28, 1850. They lived in Pike County many years and in later years purchased land near Big Sandy River, near Catlettsburg, where they lived and died. They are buried in the cemetery near their old homestead. They were parents of a large family, among whom was Columbia (Hatfield) Runyon, mother of Amos Runyon.

4. Alvis, born March 20, 1837, and died November 29, 1870. He married Melvina Smith August 15, 1859. She was a sister to Sally Smith, wife of Asa H. Runyon.

5. John H., born in 1840 and died *circa* 1884. He married Jane Phillips September 9, 1860. She was born in 1837.

6. Pricy, born in 1843. She married Jacob Smith, wealthy merchant of the mouth of Pond Creek, October 22, 1865. They were parents of William M. Smith, former sheriff of Pike County, and Mrs. James Hatcher of Pikeville, Kentucky.

7. Jane ("Jennie"), born in 1847 and died in 1940. She married Kenis Leslie of Johns Creek, Pike County, at Logan, West Virginia. They were parents of Mrs. Ollie Auxier of

Johns Creek, mother of Circuit Judge Jean L. Auxier of Pike County, and Mrs. Bruce Evans.

8. Sarah Ann, born in 1848. She married Dallas Bevins of Heisey, Kentucky, December 15, 1867.

9. Parlee, born in 1850. She married Benjamin D. Williamson May 31, 1868, in Pike County. Benjamin D. was born in 1849. For many years they lived on what is the present site of Williamson, West Virginia. They afterwards lived in Catlettsburg, where Benjamin D. was in business. In their late years they resided in Ashland, Kentucky. Benjamin D. was a son of Benjamin and Esther Williamson.

10. Harriet, born in 1851 and died in 1873. She married Allen Williamson January 4, 1872. They were parents of Emzy B. Williamson of Pond Creek. Emzy B. lived in Fort Gay, and later at Huntington, West Virginia.

JOHN VARNEY

No authentic record of John Varney or his family is known to exist. The following narration is traditional and was contributed by Mrs. Nancy Jane Varney of Road Fork, Pike County, Kentucky.

John Varney married Betsy Hunter, and they lived in Bedford County, Virginia, before or perhaps after 1800. While mining saltpeter in a cave, John was killed by falling earth and stone.

The children of John and Betsy (Hunter) Varney were: (1) Daniel, who remained in Virginia. (2) Mary. (3) Alexander, born in 1797 in Virginia. (4) Nancy. (5) Andrew, born in 1803 in Virginia. After John Varney's death, his widow, Betsy, and their children emigrated from Bedford County to the wilderness of Tug River and settled in a part of Cabell County, Virginia, which is now in Mingo County, West Virginia. She probably came with John W. Taylor, John Stafford, and others. John and Betsy (Hunter) Varney may have had other children. Their known children were:

1. Daniel, who remained in Virginia and probably married there.

2. Mary, born *circa* 1790. She married John W. Taylor *circa* 1804; the place of their marriage is unknown. Their first son, William A., was born August 11, 1806, and died November 8, 1887. He married Sally Maynard, daughter of Lewis Maynard, and among their children was Margaret ("Peggy"), who married Mitchell Runyon, son of Adron Runyon, January 6, 1848, in Pike County, Kentucky.

3. Alexander, born in 1797 in Virginia. He married (1st) Susannah Runyon, daughter of John Runyon, *circa* 1816, in Floyd County, Kentucky. Twelve children were born to this union. Susannah died August 10, 1852. Alexander married (2nd) Susan Pain January 2, 1853, in Pike County, with Adron Runyon, justice of the peace, officiating.

Alexander owned 110 acres of land on Peges Branch of Pond Creek, Pike County. This is probably where he and Susannah lived and reared their children. Alexander and Susan (Pain) Varney sold their land on the waters of Pond Creek August 8, 1858, to Thomas Hunt, who was the husband of Matilda (Varney) Hunt, daughter of Alexander and Susannah (Runyon) Varney.

Alexander purchased a parcel of land from his brother Andrew Varney September 4, 1850, on Fall Rock Branch of Rockhouse Fork of Pigeon Creek, Logan County, Virginia, now Mingo County, West Virginia. Alexander and his bride, Susan, went to live on their land on the waters of Pigeon Creek, where they lived and died.

4. Nancy, born *circa* 1800; however, this date is uncertain. She married a Mr. Morris. No further record.

5. Andrew, born in 1803 in Virginia. He married Sarah ("Sally") Stafford, daughter of John and Nancy (Runyon) Stafford, May 9, 1820, in Floyd County. They lived near Tug River, and near the residence of John Stafford, about two miles upstream from the mouth of Pond Creek until after 1840; then they moved to the waters of Pigeon Creek. Andrew was granted a total of 822 acres of land on the

waters of Pigeon Creek from 1843 to 1859. By 1870, he and his wife were living at their old homestead on Pigeon Creek. They reared a large family and many of their descendants live in Logan and Mingo counties.

MOSES MAYNARD (1766–187?)

WILLIAM MAYNARD, father of Moses, was living in Chatham County, North Carolina, during the Revolutionary War. The names of his parents, his wife, and the place of his birth are unknown.

According to an account published in the *Louisville Courier-Journal,* June 30, 1874, Moses Maynard was born October 18, 1766, in Chatham County, not far from Hillsboro and near the Blue Ridge.

Moses Maynard married Sarah Greenstreet in North Carolina *circa* 1800. She may have been a daughter of Betty Greenstreet, who was living in Wilkes County, North Caroline, in 1790, with two sons and one young daughter. Sarah died in 1847 in Madison County, Indiana.

After their marriage they came to Pike County, Kentucky, and acquired land and lived there until about 1833, when they emigrated to Madison County. There they lived and died. Moses died June 15, 1874, and tradition says that he was 107 years of age at his death. Their children were: (1) William. (2) Julia. (3) Betty. (4) Richard, who married Charlotte Taylor, daughter of John W. Taylor, in 1833, in Pike County. (5) Jane ("Jenny"), who married Adron Runyon December 23, 1824, in Pike County. (6) Barnabeth. (7) Christopher. (8) John. (9) Charity. (10) Susie. And perhaps (11) Louis.

The 1820 U.S. Census of Floyd County lists William Maynard, who was probably living on Johns Creek, which later became a part of Pike County. The census indicates that Willam was born *circa* 1750. He may have been the father of Moses Maynard or perhaps a brother.

In his story to the *Louisville Courier-Journal* reporter,

Moses said that he remembered when British soldiers, seeking information of his father's brother who was a revolutionary soldier, whipped his father in the cornfield.

The 1820 U.S. Census of Floyd County lists Moses Maynard, his wife, six sons, and four daughters. Moses and his wife were between twenty-six and forty-five years of age. Apparently they lived on Johns Creek.

The 1830 U.S. Census of Pike County lists Moses Maynard, his wife, three sons, and two daughters. The census indicates that Moses and his wife were *circa* fifty-four years of age in 1830. Tradition says that Sarah, Moses' wife, was six months younger than her husband.

The 1870 U.S. Census of Madison County lists Moses Maynard living with his son Barnabeth; and his age is recorded as 106 years. However, the *Louisville Courier-Journal* account gives his age at 107 in 1874. Apparently these two dates are erroneous. It is true that Moses Maynard was a very old man at his death, and he was probably ninety-seven years of age. His birth date may be October 18, 1776. Henry, John, and Josiah Maynard (Mainer) served in the Revolutionary War in North Carolina. Their relation to Moses Maynard is not known.

Nathaniel and Henry Maynard served three years in the Revolutionary War in the Virginia line. Nathaniel was granted 200 acres of land and Henry 100 acres for their services. Their relation to Moses, if any, is also unknown.

The Mainards, Maynards, or Maignards came to England with William the Conqueror, and the name appears on the lists of his adherents in 1066.

After the Conquest the Maynard family was seated in Devonshire and held estates in Kent during the early period. The younger branches established the Hertfordshire and Essex county house.

It is thought, and tradition says, that there were three Maynard brothers who came from England to the Colonies; and this may be true, as the names of Henry, Thomas, and James occur in contemporary early records of that period. They were granted large estates in Maryland, and the Amer-

ican Maynards may have descended from Henry, Thomas, and James Maynard.

APPENDIX

MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY MARRIAGES

Mary P. Runyon married William S. Burgess May 6, 1856. The marriage bond was issued April 28, 1856.

Elizabeth Runyon married Asabel Holton May 14, 1845. Richard Runyon was surety.

Eliza Ann Runyon married William H. Robertson October 14, 1837.

Harriet Runyon married William Mitchell October 20, 1834. John R. Runyon was surety.

Charity Runyon married Dr. Alcanon J. O'Bannon April 14, 1838. Emmons Johnson certified that Miss Runyon was twenty-one years of age. James T. Burdett was surety.

Asa R. Runyon married Mary G. Gilman August 27, 1836. William V. Munz was surety. Asa R. was a son of Daniel and Rachel (Morris) Runyon.

James M. Runyon married Charity Johnson January 22, 1834. Nathaniel E. Johnson was surety.

James R. Runyon married Lydia E. Mannen July 28, 1837. Thomas Mannen was surety.

John R. Runyon married Lydia Chinn April 11, 1837. Cornelius Chinn was surety.

David M. Runyon married Mary E. Warder January 25, 1843. William H. Warder was surety. The marriage license was issued January 23, 1843.

Richard L. Runyon married Sarah Frances Thompkins March 21, 1855.

Sarah M. Runyon married Samuel Worthington January 16, 1843.

Mary R. Runyon married Eli M. Writt March 17, 1856.

The above is a partial list of Mason County marriages.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, MARRIAGES

Jeremiah Runyon married Tabitha Collins July 15, 1829. David Hamrick was surety, and T. F. Birchett, D.C., was witness.

Mary Runyon married Aza Adams August 18, 1833. Jeremiah Runyon was surety and E. Rippy, J. P., was witness.

Reuben H. Runyon married Margaret S. Gibbons September 3, 1835. George Willkie was surety.

Eliza Runyon married Jessey Gibbines February 25, 1836. Jeremiah was surety, and George Willkie was witness.

The following data, abstracted by Winifred Beatty, is from the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library.

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Page 725: Elijah Runnion, born in Lewis County, West Virginia, March 25, 1811, son of Samuel and Ann (Batty) Runnion. When he was eleven years of age his parents moved to Kanawha County, West Virginia and soon after to Jackson County where he was reared and educated, remaining there until 1849. In 1849 he came to Meigs County and to Athens County, Ohio in 1861. He married August 29, 1833 to Harriet B. Smith, a native of Virginia. She was the daughter of John and Susan Smith. In 1883, date of this history, they had six children living.

Page 725: M. M. Runnion, born March 14, 1847 in Virginia married Ann Jane Elliott. They had two children. M. M. Runyon fought in the Civil War.

Page 1062: Adam Runyon, born March 25, 1824, in Pike County [Kentucky], son of Henry Runyon (deceased), a native of Virginia. He married Margaret Collins, daughter of John Collins. She was born in Cabell County, West Virginia.

History of Harrison County, West Virginia

Page 31: Among the list of Extracts taken from certifi-

cates issued in 1781 by the County Commissioners to settlers for land in Monongalia County in the territory subsequently included in Harrison County as it was originally created in 1784 from the former county are:

Page 40: Henry Runyon, assignee of William Richards, 400 acres on Lost Creek to include his settlement made in 1775. Also 400 acres on West Fork adjoining land of Isaac Washburn, to include his settlement made in 1773.

Page 42: William Runyon, 400 acres on Sycamore Creek to include his settlement made in 1773.

Page 43: Isaac Runyon, assignee of George Claypole, 400 acres in the "Bent of the River Creek" to include his settlement made in 1774. [This creek is about five miles above Clarksburg and is now called Coburns Creek.]

Page 131: On the 24th day of July, 1794, six Indians visited the West Fork River and at the mouth of Freeman's Creek, now Lewis County, met with and made prisoner of a daughter of John Runyon. She was taken off by two of the party and put to death.

Page 162: Land Laws. An act of the General Assembly passed in October 1777, provided that all persons who on or before the 24th day of June, 1776 had settled on the western waters should be allowed 400 acres of land for every family.

Page 195: At the first court of Harrison County (1784) John Runyon was appointed constable.

Page 441: In a list of marriages celebrated in the county from 1784–94: Bridget Runyon married Archibald Morrison, January 19, 1790.

Dr Thomas Walker and his assistant surveyors may have been the first English speaking people who entered the territory of the Big Sandy River. Dr. Thomas Walker with his surveying party arrived at the Levisa River Thursday, June 7, 1750, and named the river "Louisa" which was afterwards corrupted to the name Levisa, by which name it is known to this day.

Daniel Boone, William Hill and probably Squire Boone,

Daniel's brother, came down the west fork of the Big Sandy River to a salt lick, near the present site of Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, in 1767, and remained there during the winter.

The vast territory of the Big Sandy River and its tributaries was not settled for fifteen years or more after permanent settlements had been made in central Kentucky, perhaps bcause the report made by Dr. Thomas Walker was unfavorable. And in the entire territory there was very little agricultural land; the country was mountainous and travel was difficult. Also, the great Indian trails between the Ohio River Indian villages and the Cherokee territory in Tennessee passed through the entire valley, and large groups of these Indians were constantly travelling these trails. The territory was a favorite hunting ground for the Indians living in Ohio. The danger of Indian raids on lonely settlers never passed until close to 1800.

William Ely, *History of the Big Sandy Valley,* states that the Leslies attempted to settle at the mouth of Pond Creek in 1789, but were driven away by the Indians, so they returned to Virginia. In the same year Charles Vancover and others attempted to settle at the forks of the Big Sandy, but the Indians stole all of their horses and they also returned to Virginia.

Again quoting William Ely, "The Leslies returned in 1791 and settled on Johns Creek where they remained." Aftter this date settlers came in rapid succession and established permanent homes throughout the country.

Among the contemporary settlers were the Rutherfords, Taylors, Varneys, Keesees, Hunts, Bevins, Williamsons, Maynards, Leslies, Lowes, McCoys, Balls, Hatfields, and many others.

The country was a hunter's paradise, and nature was in its glory. The virgin forest covered the mountains and the valleys, where the environments were favorable. The tall and stately trees predominated in many localities with their trunks covered with moss and lichen, which pointed out the direction to the traveler and the weary hunter. The water

that filled the streams was clear and pure and many species of fish were abundant. Wild life lived in nature's paradise unmolested, and its abundance was long remembered by the early settlers.

Unfortuntaely, no naturalist entered this great undisturbed wilderness to leave a record of the plants and wild life for the future generations.

Some of the birth dates have been determined from ages recorded in the U.S. Census, and in every instance they may not be absolutely correct. Those dates following the word *circa* have been determined from various sources.

As far as the authors know, all families had issue, except where otherwise noted.

Land grants were usually granted in small parcels of about fifty acres, and the grantee acquired his land holdings through many years.

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